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Communication disorders run in the family!!

And the Komi family is no exception!

ANYONE NEED A POTTY BREAK?

...and other vacationers flock to popular destinations!!

Golden Week is when families go on road trips...

...so they ...

...don't want their families to see them getting excited.

But some kids...

SULLEN

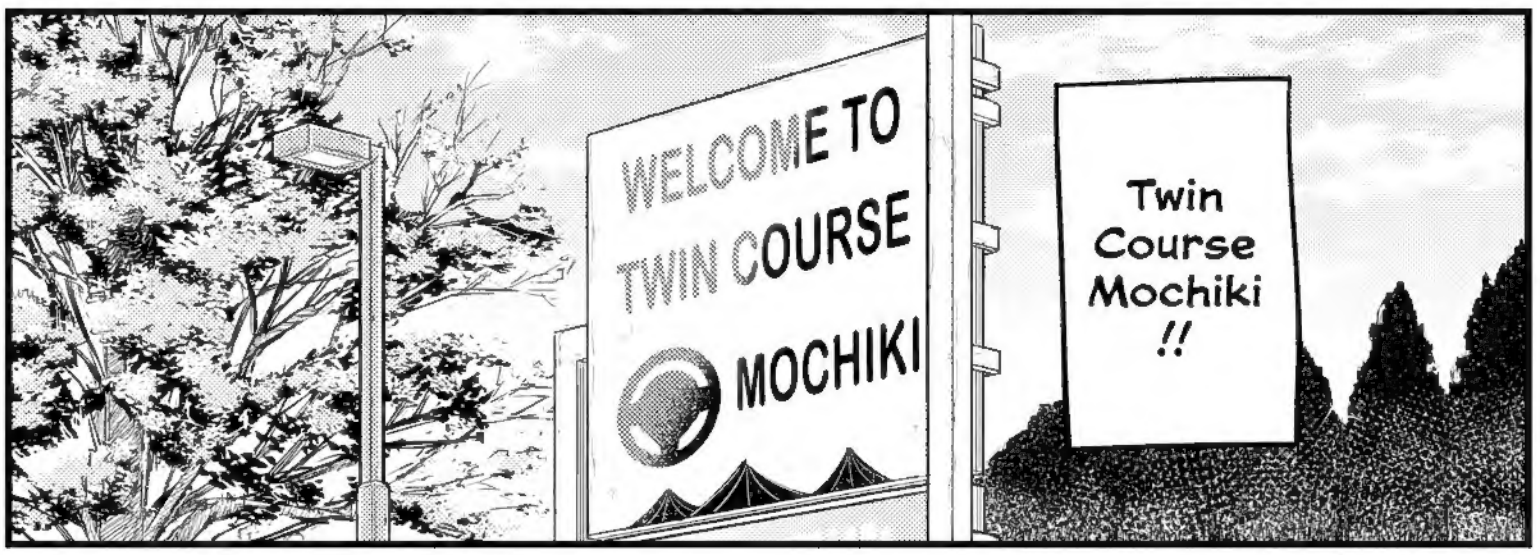
Komi is being sullen.

Shoko? Potty break?

...act sullen !!!

Communication 143: Athletic

We've arrived!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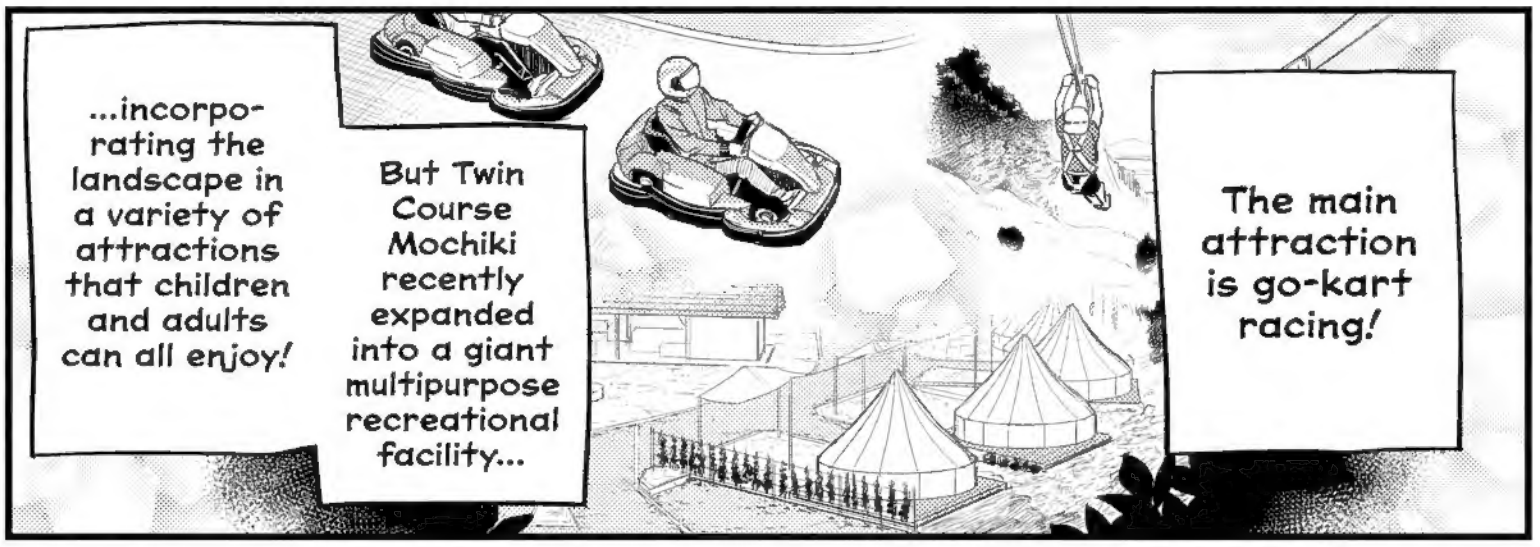
Twin Course Mochiki !!


...incorporating the landscape in a variety of attractions that children and adults can all enjoy!
But Twin Course Mochiki recently expanded into a giant multipurpose recreational facility...
The main attraction is go-kart racing!

SULLEN
Komi is still sullen.
I WANNA DO THAT SLIDING THING!
WE HAVE AN HOUR UNTIL WE CAN CHECK INTO OUR CAMPSITE! WHADDAYA WANNA DO?!

We've arrived!

WHAT'S WITH THE SPEECH?

WOW!

The main attraction is go-kart racing! But Twin Course Mochiki recently expanded into a giant multipurpose recreational facility incorporating the landscape in a variety of attractions that children and adults can all enjoy!

KOMI?!

?!

...

THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH A GOOD FRIEND TO SHOKO!

Komi family

OH, IT'S HITOHITO'S FAMILY!

DON'T OVERDO IT, GUYS...

Son

NO, THANK YOU!! NOW THAT OUR SON IS CLASSMATES WITH SUCH A BEAUTIFUL GIRL, WE FINALLY FEEL LIKE HE'S WORTH SOMETHING!! PLEASE, PUT HIM TO WORK AS A MAID OR SOMETHING!!!

Tadano family

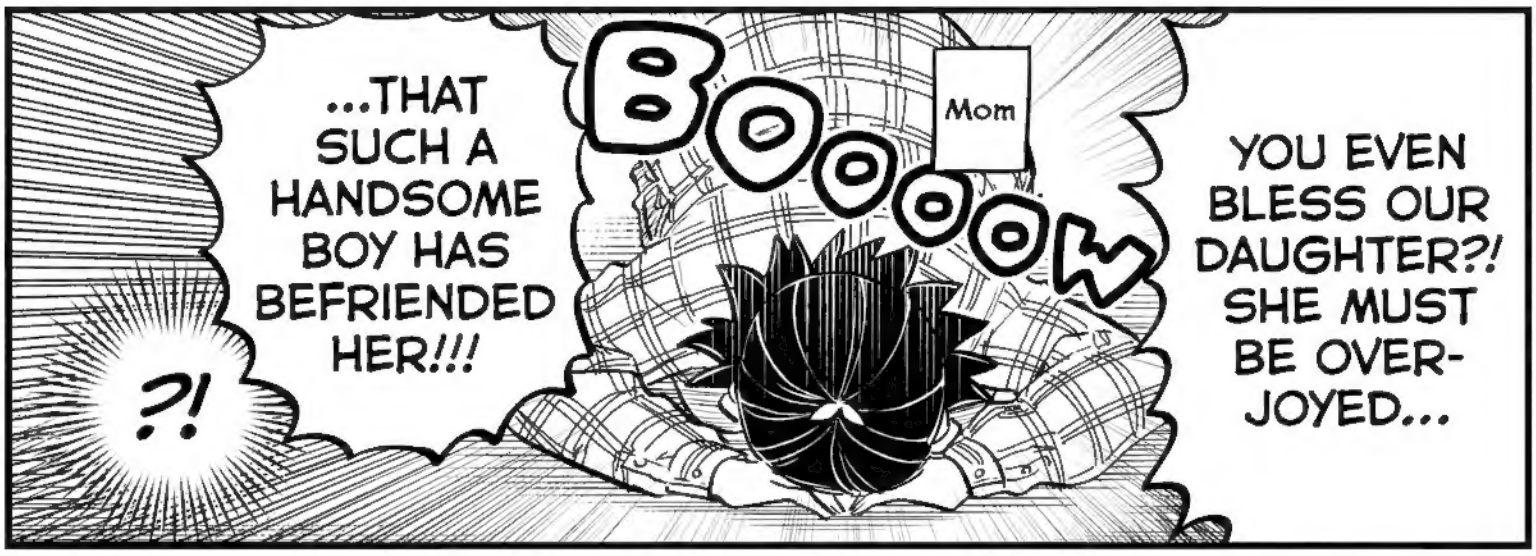
Mom

Dad

?!

DEEP BOW

...
...
REALLY? I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.
BECAUSE I DIDN'T TELL YOU.
WE SIT NEXT TO EACH OTHER IN SCHOOL.
HM? DO YOU TWO KNOW EACH OTHER?


?!
...THAT SUCH A HANDSOME BOY HAS BEFRIENDED HER!!!
BOOOOM
Mom
YOU EVEN BLESS OUR DAUGHTER?! SHE MUST BE OVER-JOYED...

Son
DON'T SAY THAT OUT LOUD! IT'S NOT POLITE!
Daugh-ter
ACTUALLY, HE'S LUCKY TO HAVE ME!

...

?!

But we don't mind.

OH, YOU NOTICED? NAJIMI IS A STOWAWAY ON OUR FAMILY VACATION.

YEAH, OKAY.

Sorry...

It's already page 9!

RIP

SNAP

ENOUGH CHITCHAT. LET'S START THE FUN!

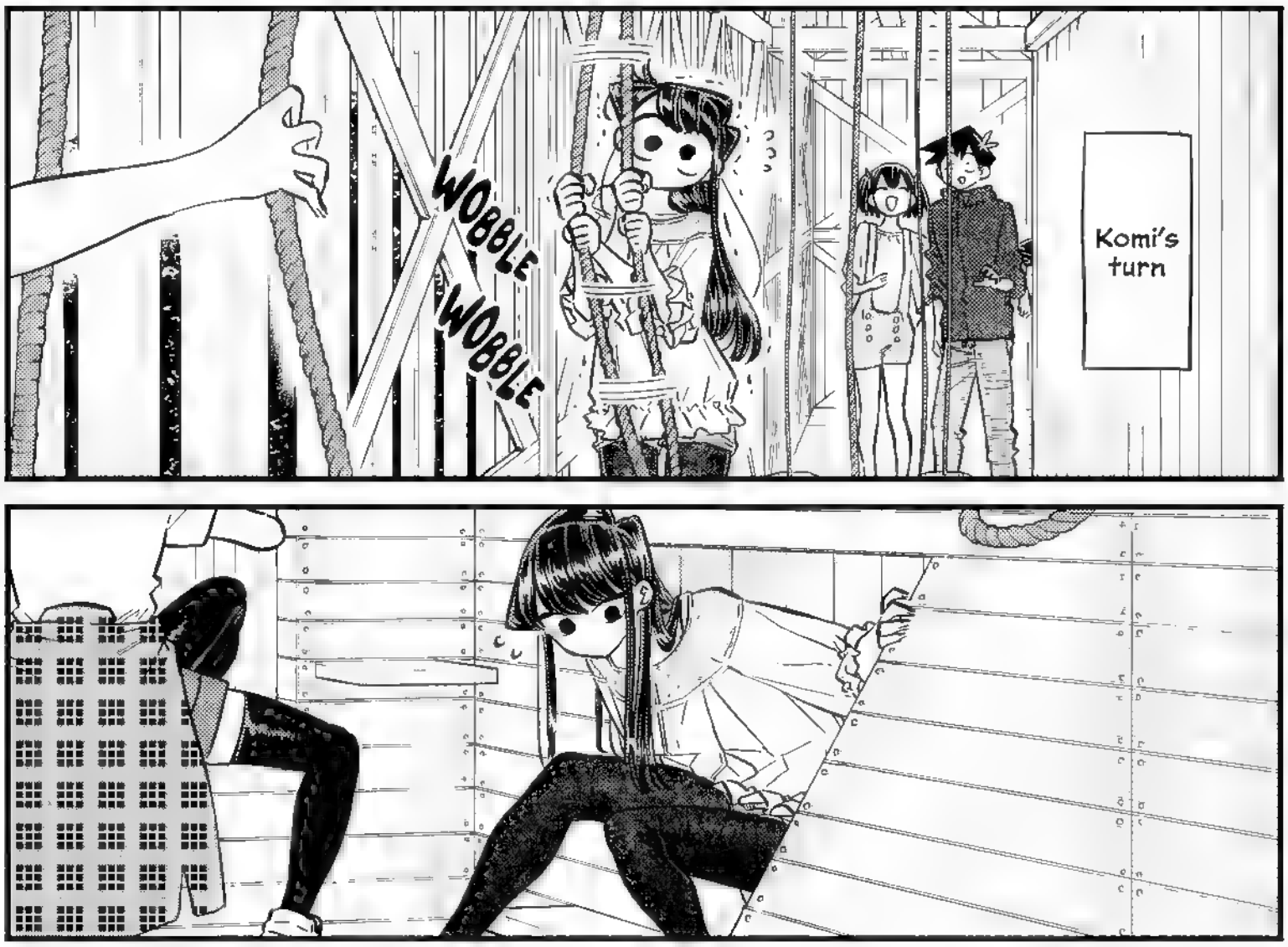
Embarrassed by her mother

Take care of everyone, Hito!

CALL ME WHEN YOU DO THE SLIDING THING! I LOVE THAT THING!!

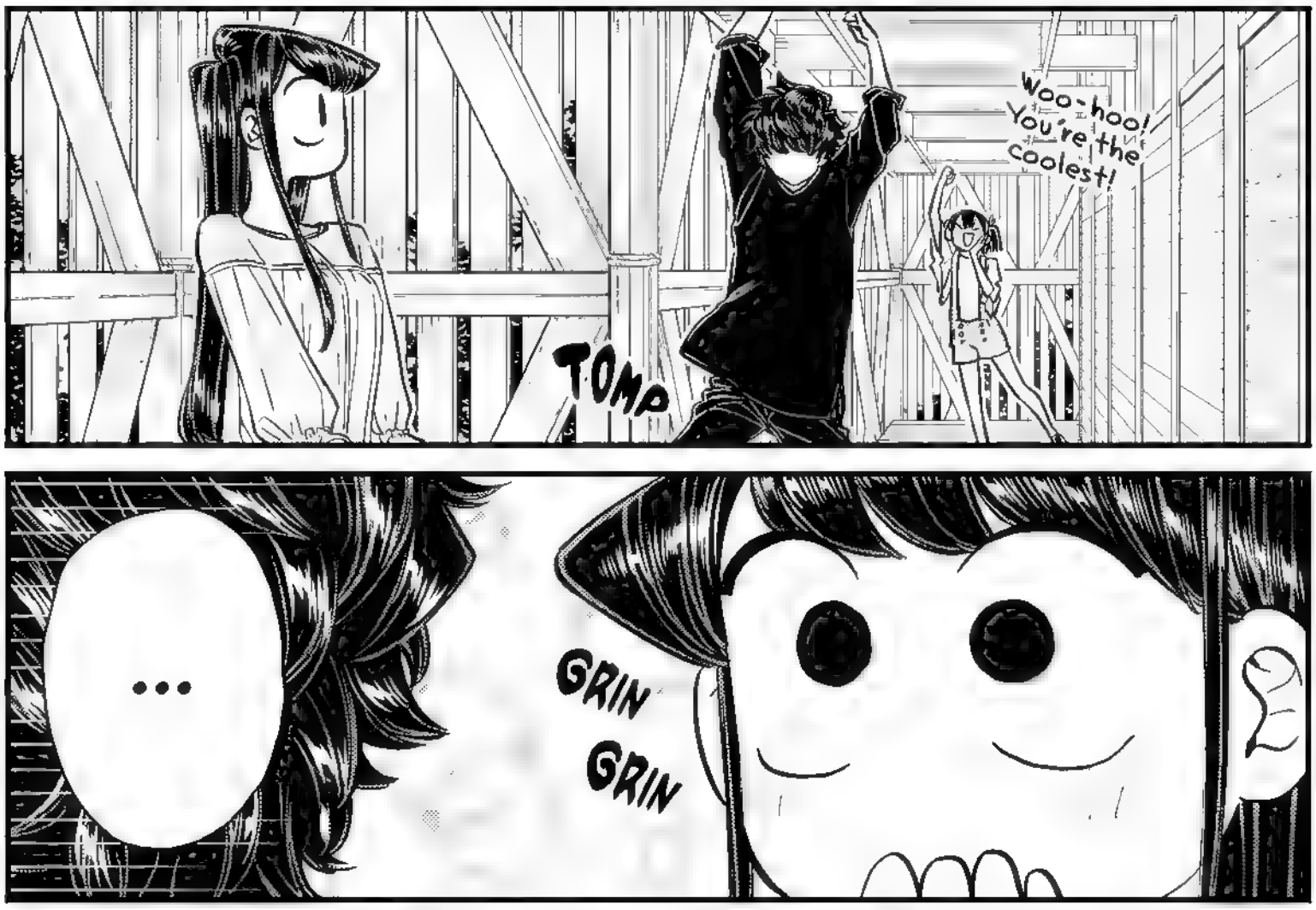
A New Sensation— Athletic WAKU WAKU!!
WOOHOOOOO
The moment has come!! Let's go!!
WOOHOOOOO
?!
AREN'T Y-YOU GONNA GO?
...
...
...
...

This is so excit-ing!!
WOO-HOO!
Najimi's turn
!!
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP
Najimi is so agile!
TA
FUN
FUN
DA


WOBBLE
WOBBLE
Komi's turn

YOU'RE TALL, SO SOME OF THE OBSTACLES WILL BE DIFFICULT.
!
Embar-rassed by her height
?
...
...

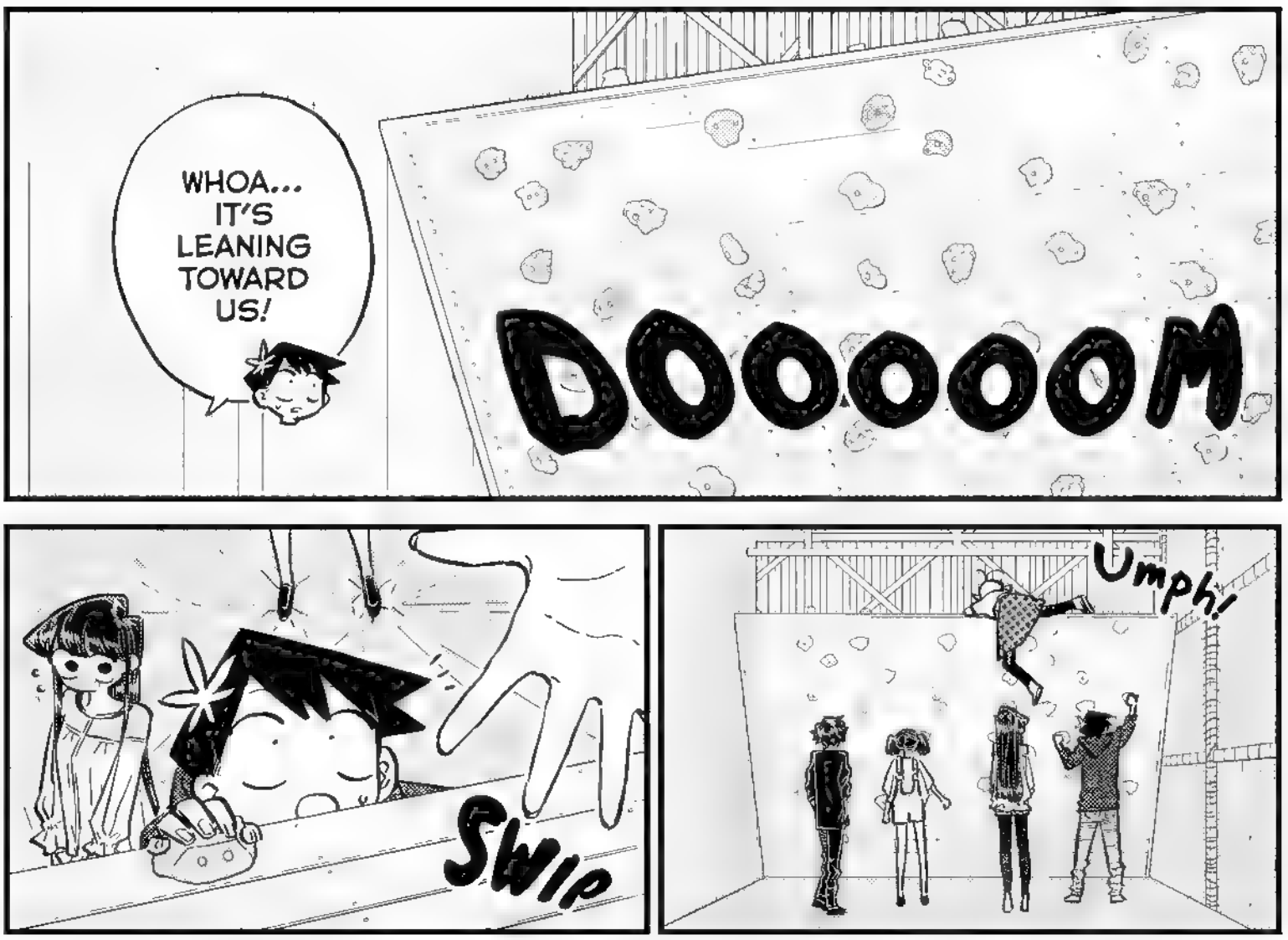
It was uneventful, so let's skip it.
Tadano's turn
Sho-suke's turn
YOU CAN DO IT! YAY! YOU'RE SO COOL!
Gave in and tried it


TOMP
Woo-hoo! You're the coolest!
...
GRIN
GRIN

FUN
FUN
FUN
!
?
...SHALL I GO FIRST?
UM...
FUN

!!
SLIP

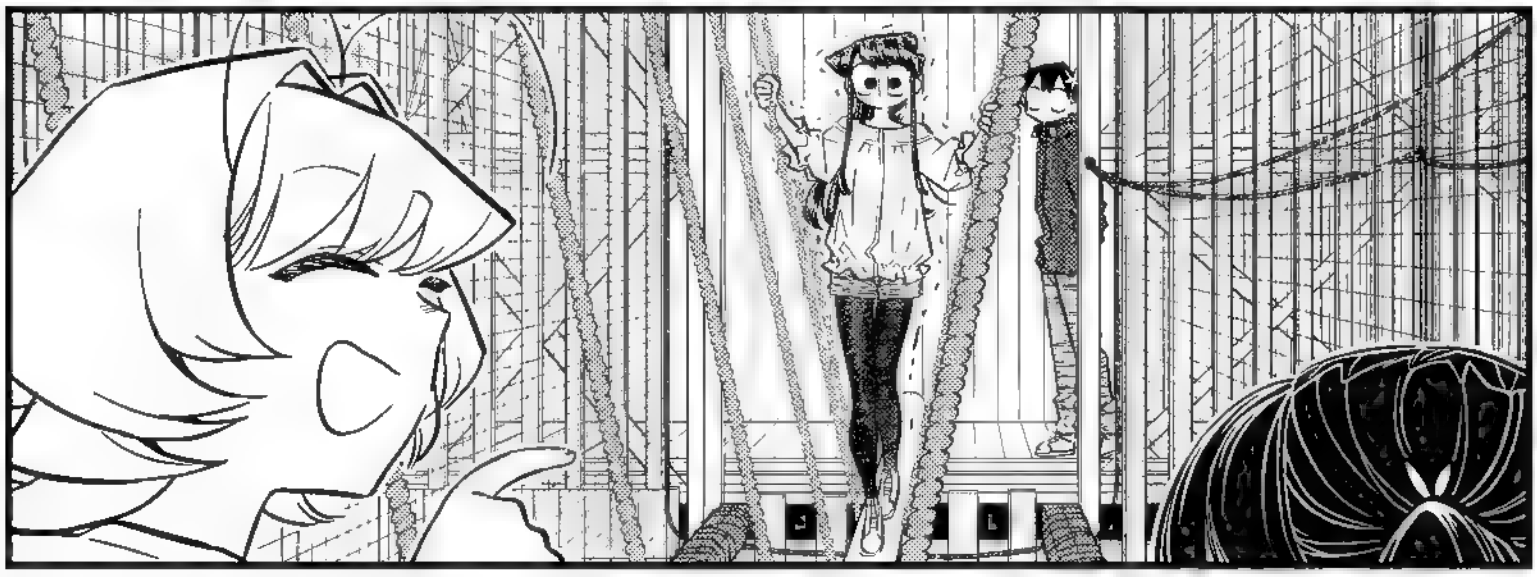
FWIP
...
GLANCE

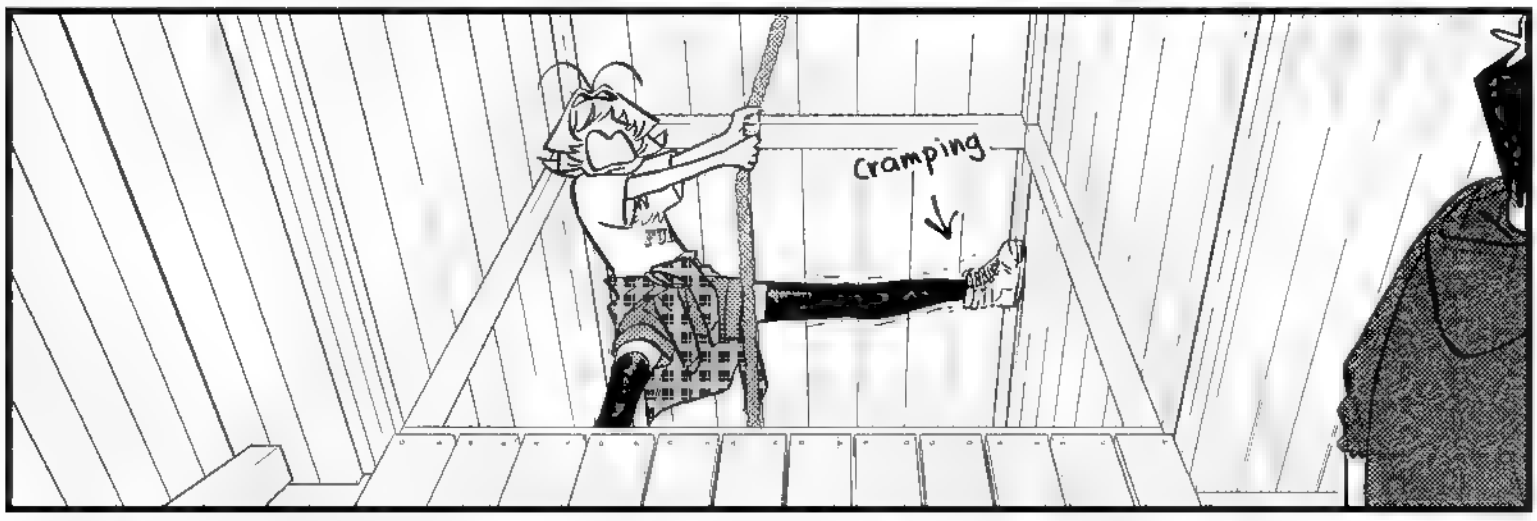

WHOA... IT'S LEANING TOWARD US!
DOOOOOM
SWIP
Umph!

You can do it!!

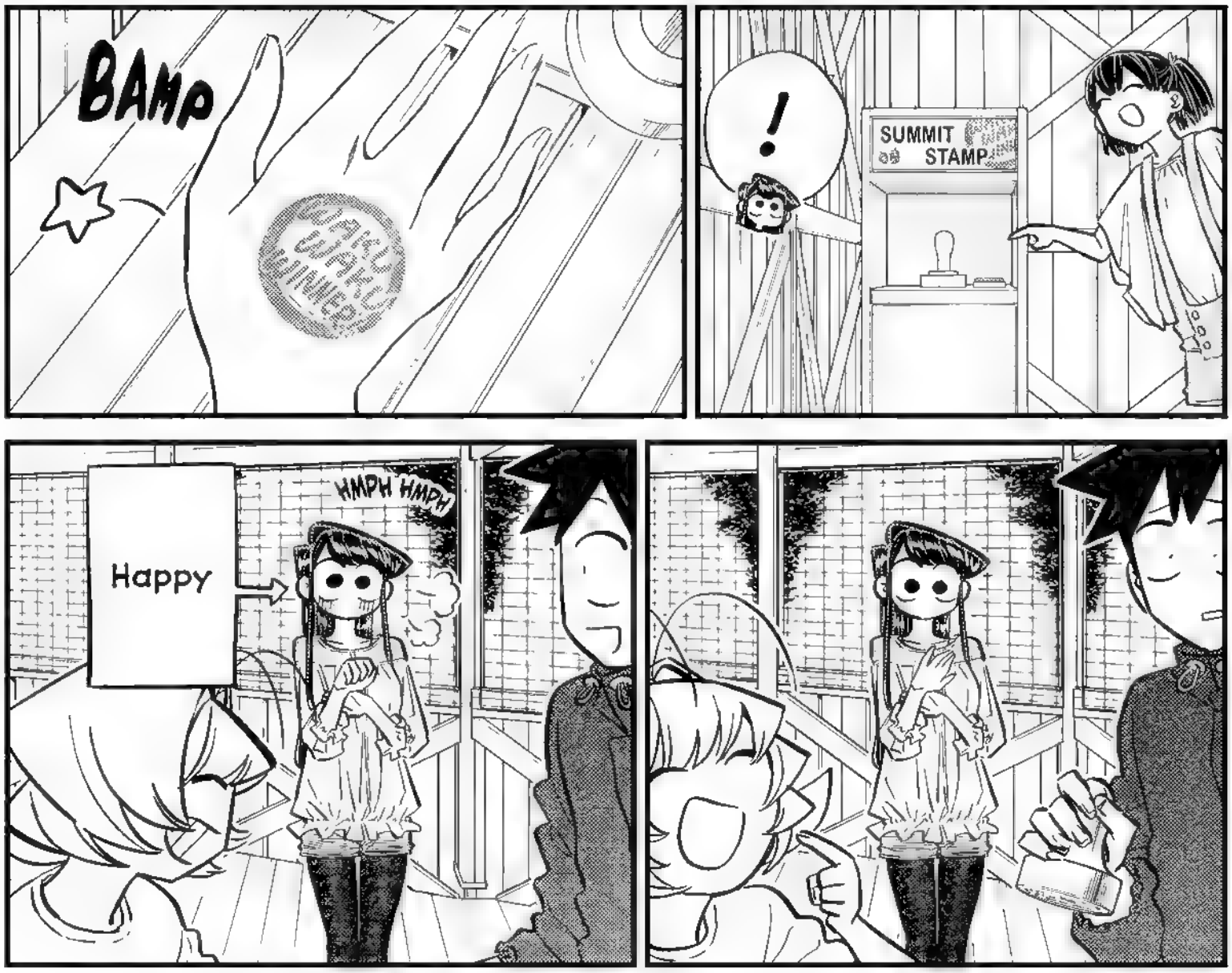
H-HERE GOES!
You can do iiiiit!!!

Worried about them
Here goes!!
You can do it!!



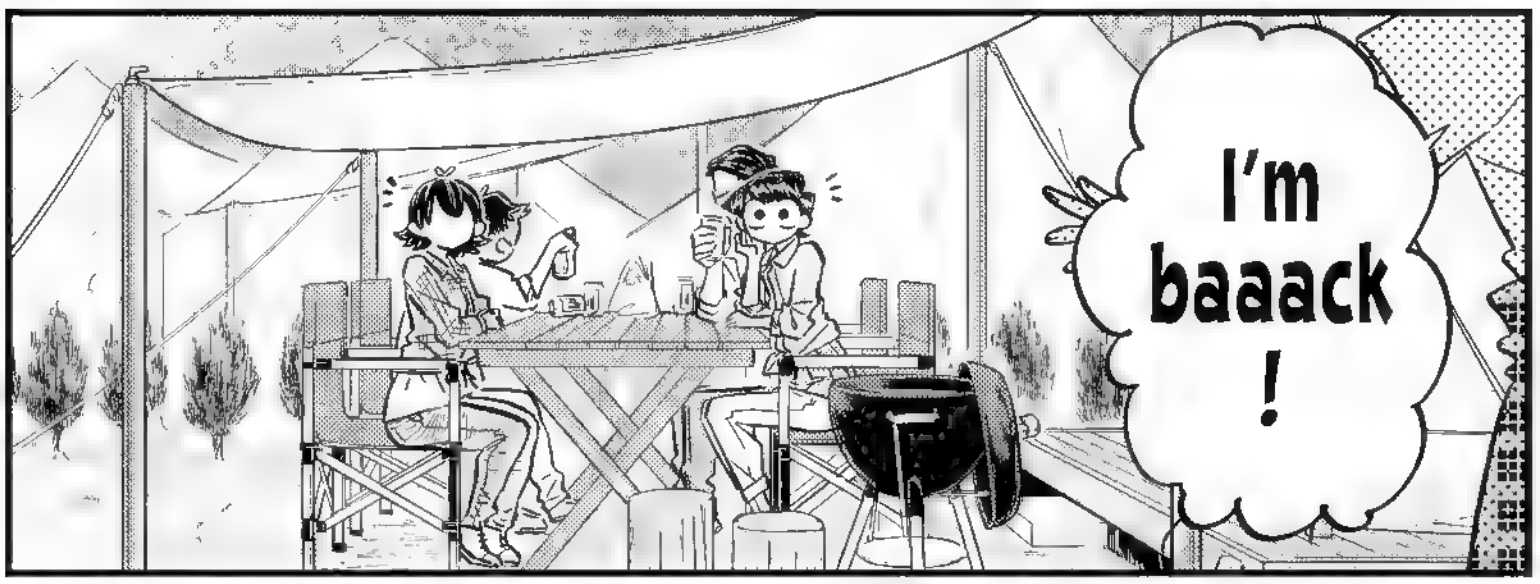

Cramping

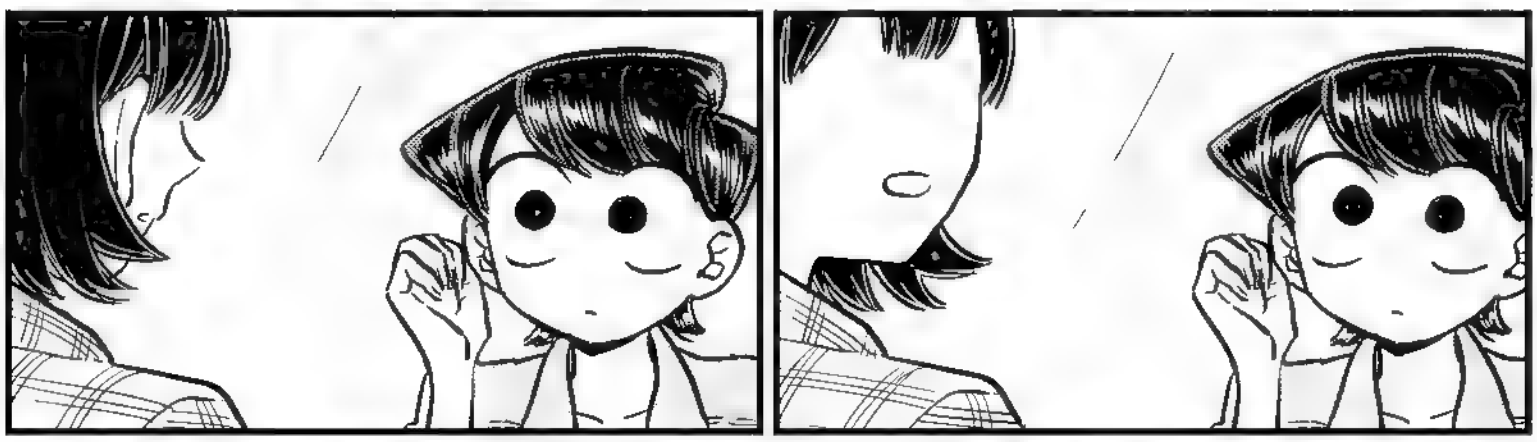
KLA
NG
We reached the top!!

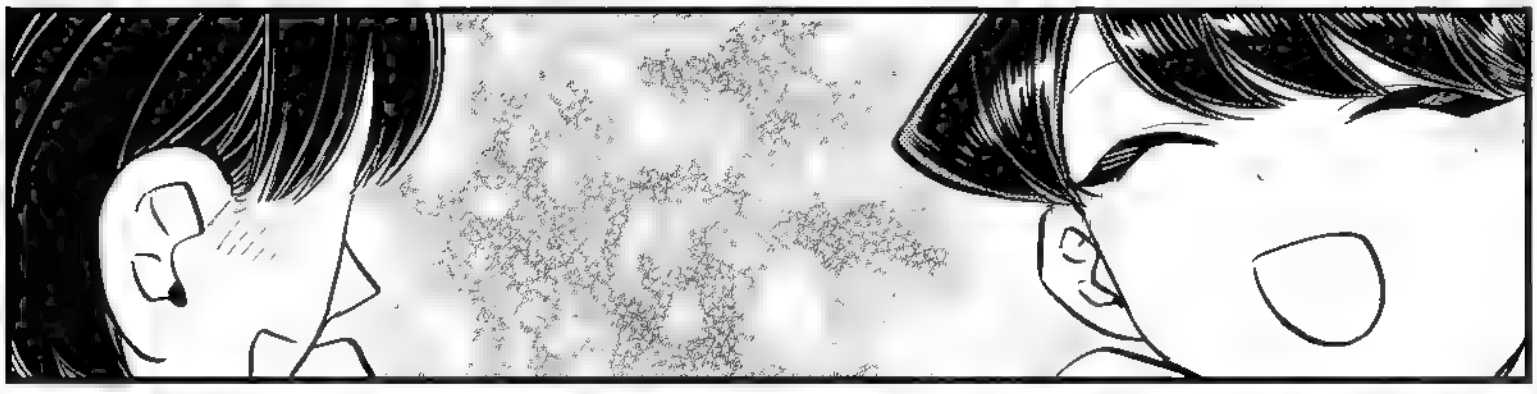

BAMP
SUMMIT STAMP
!
Happy
HMPH HMPH

They won't wear the clothes I buy!!
And they suddenly clean their rooms!
The mothers are getting along.
I KNOW !!
THEY'RE NO FUN AT ALL!
THEY'RE SO SULLEN IN HIGH SCHOOL.

...BUT I HOPE THEY'RE HAVING FUN TODAY.
OUR CHILDREN ARE GROWING UP...


I'm baaack !





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Ahhhh! I'm stuffed !!

EMPTY

SURE, OKAY!

...

ULP... SHE'S SO SOCIAL ...

Mrs. T

LET'S GO TO THE NEW CAFE AT THE STATION SOMETIME!

Mrs. K

WE'RE HAPPY TO!

Mrs. T

THANKS FOR BARBECUING WITH US!

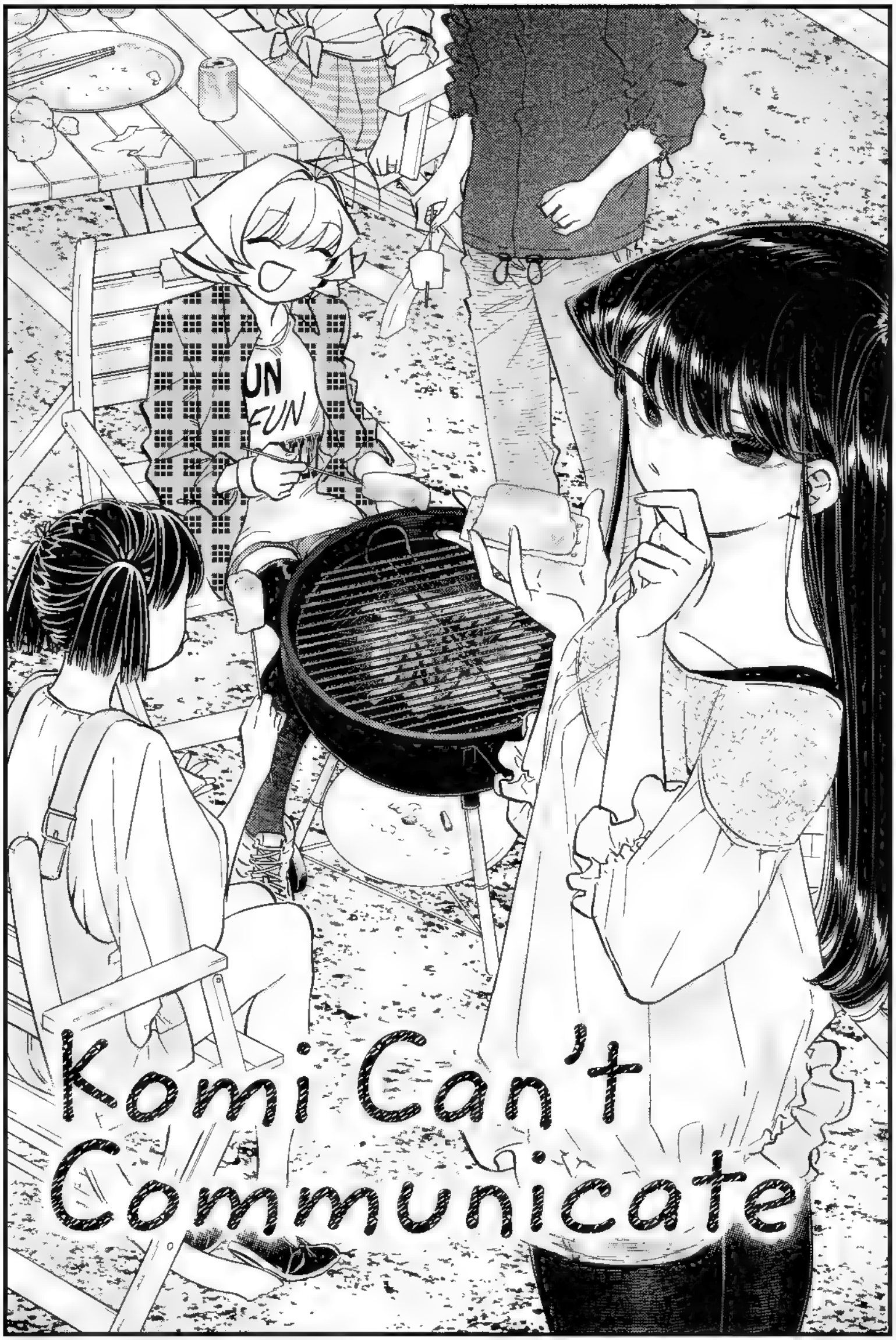
DON'T FALL ASLEEP THERE.

And cover it with a warm blanket.

FUN FUN FU

Tadano carry my corpse to the lodge and put it in bed.

Swoo



Communication 144: Stars

I got first place !!

FLOP

AH HA HA HA HA!

Last place has to do an impersonation! I can't wait!

AH HA HA!

NAJIMI FELL ASLEEP!

ZZZZZ

ARE OUR MOMS STILL DRINKING?

I'LL GO SEE!

COME WITH ME, SHOSUKE!

AFTER ALL, I'M A GIRL.

I shouldn't walk alone at night.

...

...

S

FUN

WELL, SHALL WE TIDY UP?

!

Or, um...

IS IT ANNOYING ?

!!

SHAKE SHAKE

!

NOD NOD

ISN'T IT FUNNY HOW OUR FAMILIES RAN INTO EACH OTHER?

FUN

GLANCE

...

?

...

HMPH

...!

...?

...

...

?!

FWUP

?

RUSTLE RUSTLE

STAR-GAZING?

STARGAZING

THE NIGHT SKY IS A FLOOR OF LIGHT...

FREE ADMISSION

CANCELED IN [illegible] WEATHER

WANNA GO CHECK IT OUT?

NOD NOD

OH, RIGHT. YOU CAN DO THAT HERE.

JUST THE TWO OF US.

J...

Tadano's own thought surprised him.

JUST THE TWO OF US?!

ZZZZZ

Najimi

...!

BLUSH BLUSH

SH-SHOULD I WAKE UP NAJIMI?!

IS THAT A YES OR A NO?!

NUH HUH

...

ZZZZZ

...

...

NOD NOD

!

SNOOOORE

B-BUT ...

...WAKING NAJIMI UP WOULD BE MEAN.

!

BUT WHAT ABOUT HITOMI AND SHOSUKE ...

ZZZZZ

...JUST GO?

NOD NOD

!

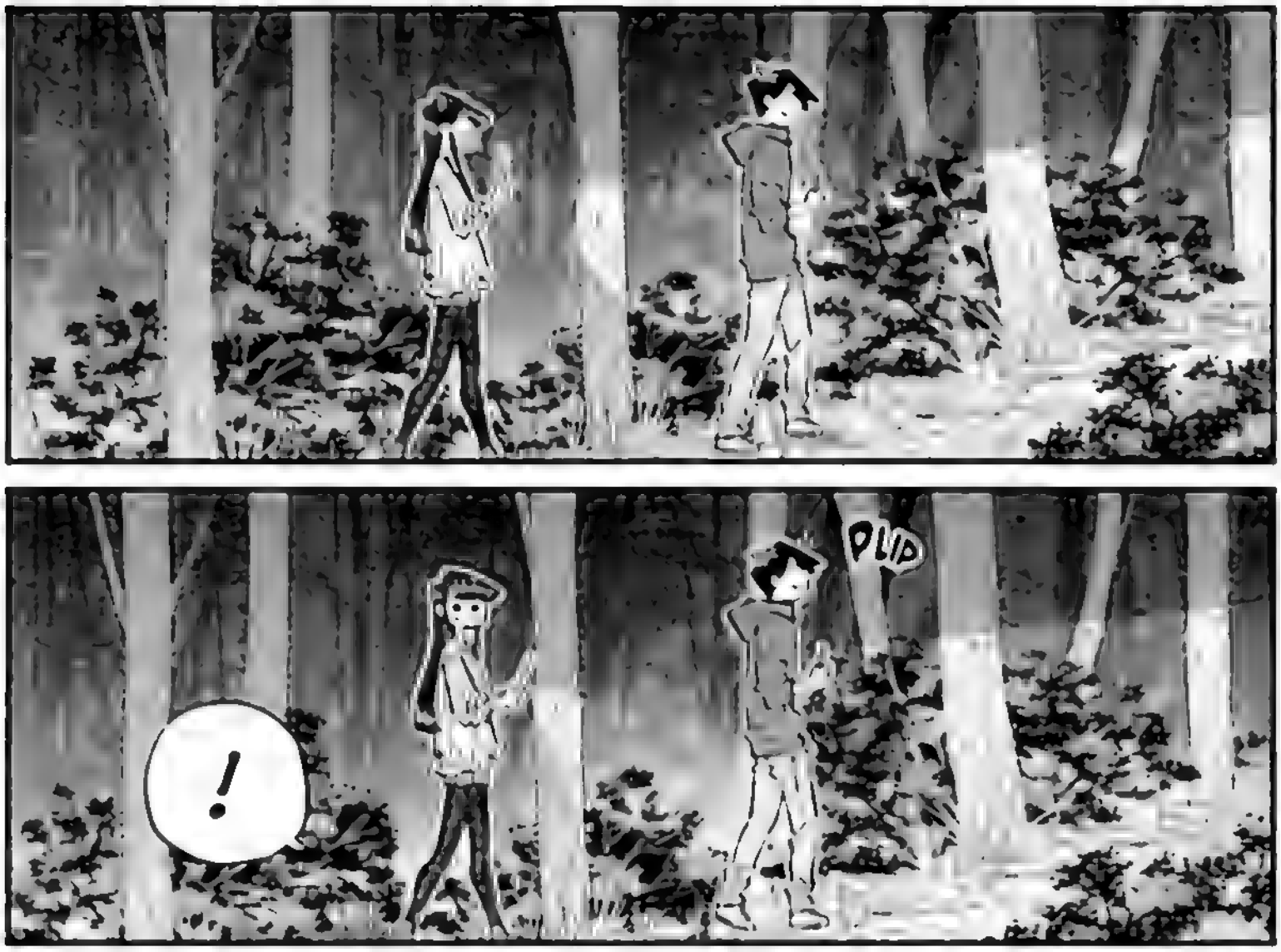
...SHALL WE...

SNORRRRT

BUT IT'S CLOSE, SO...

IT'S CHILLY. WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT ?
...
LET'S FOLLOW THE LIGHTS.
...

...
WATCH YOUR STEP, OKAY?
Can't hide the discombobu-lation caused by a family trip suddenly taking a heart-pounding turn
...
BABUP BABUP



KSH
WW
HHHH
OH, IT STARTED RAINING.
Mountain weather is so unpre-dictable.
?!
HUH?
OH NO...
UUUU

Komi
!!
!!
W-WE SHOULD GET OUT OF THIS RAIN!!
!
...IS ANYONE HERE?
CREEEAK
UM...

!
WE CAN WAIT IN HERE.
I THINK IT'S EMPTY.

DID YOUR CELL PHONE GET-
IT'S REALLY POURING!

ゴロ
...!

!
TAKE MY JACKET!
UM ...
...YOU MUST BE COLD!
SOAKED
OR... MAYBE NOT.
I'LL FIND A BLANKET.
KSH

...
THE RAIN ISN'T STOP-PING.
Looking for another blanket (there isn't one)
GLANCE
GLANCE
SWUF

!
YOU'LL CATCH A COLD, SO...
SHUUUU
?!
REALLY, I'M FINE.
SHUUUUUU
NO, I'M FINE! YOU SHOULD USE THAT!
SHUU SHUU
SHWUF
...
...

Communication 144 — The End

Inner Tadano
WHA
AAA
AAA
AAA
AH?!

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IT JUST STARTED POURING!
I'M BACK!
HITOHITO AND KOMI ARE GONE.
HM?
NNNNN
!
STARGAZING
OHHH?
...
...

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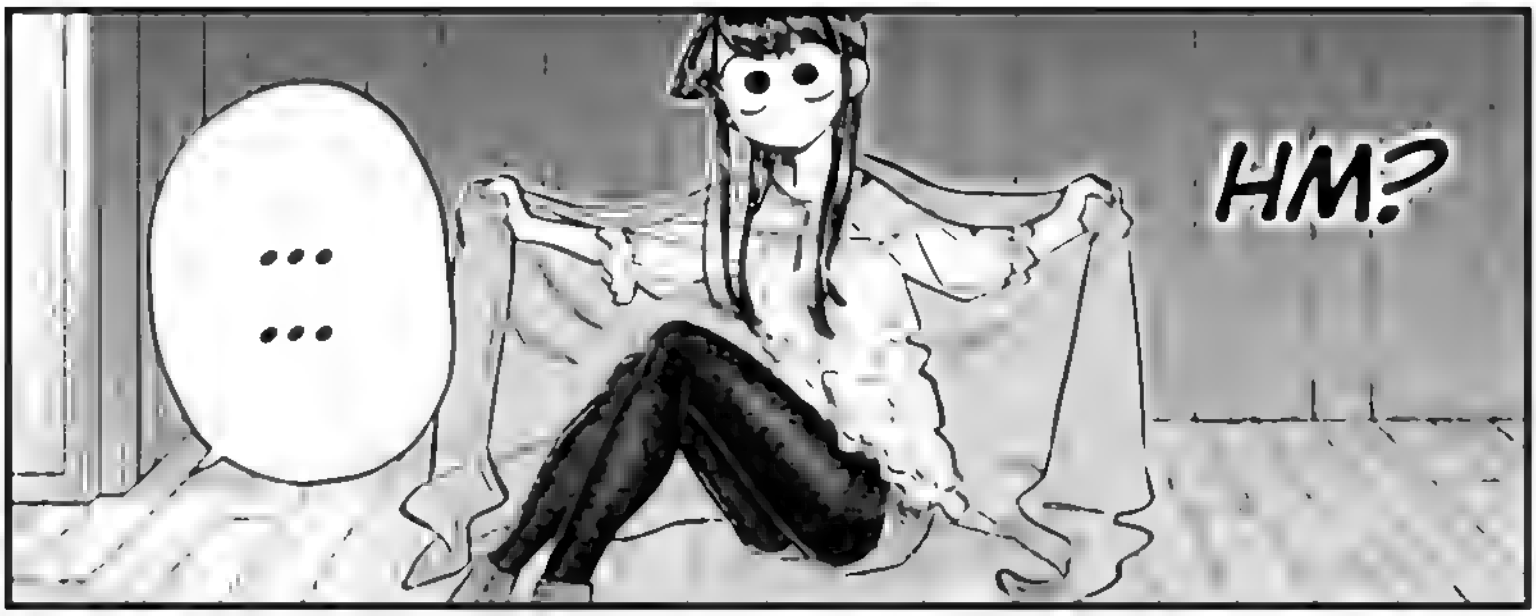
HUH?

GAH!
I'LL SHUT THE DOORS TO KEEP OUT THE WIND!!
IF YOU DON'T WRAP UP, YOU'LL BE COLD!!
Noting the increased privacy
SLAM
!
ON SECOND THOUGHT, I'LL KEEP THESE OPEN!!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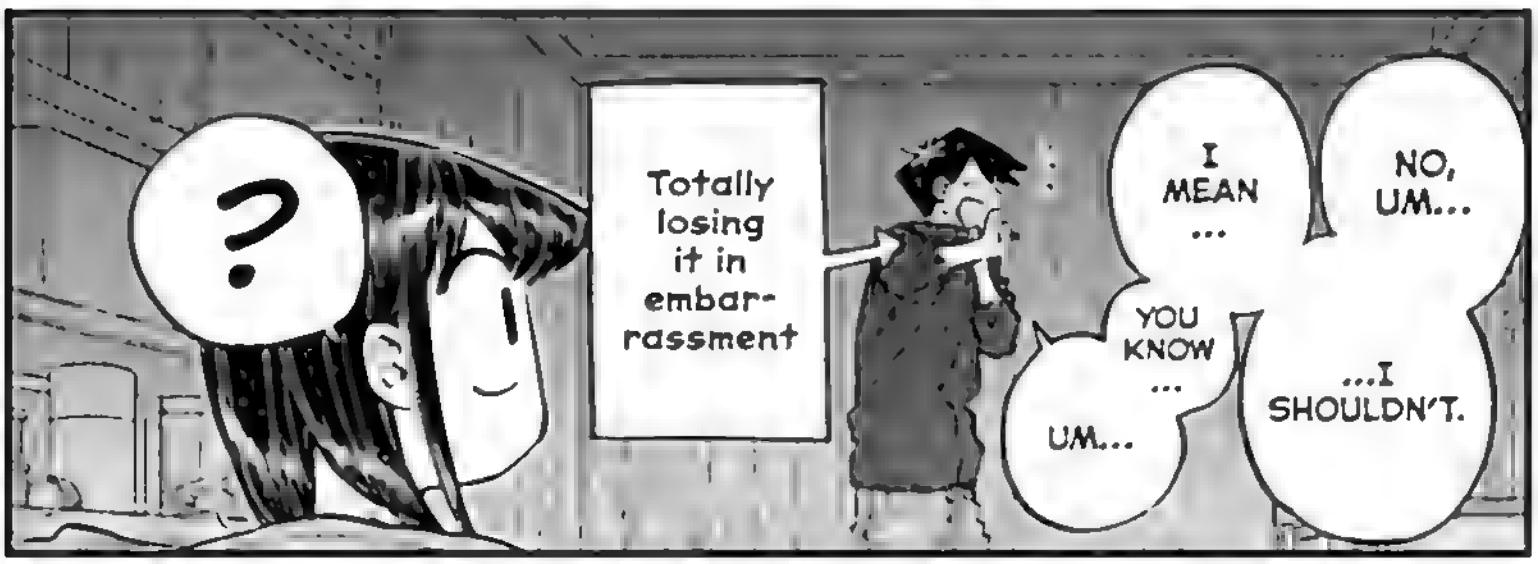
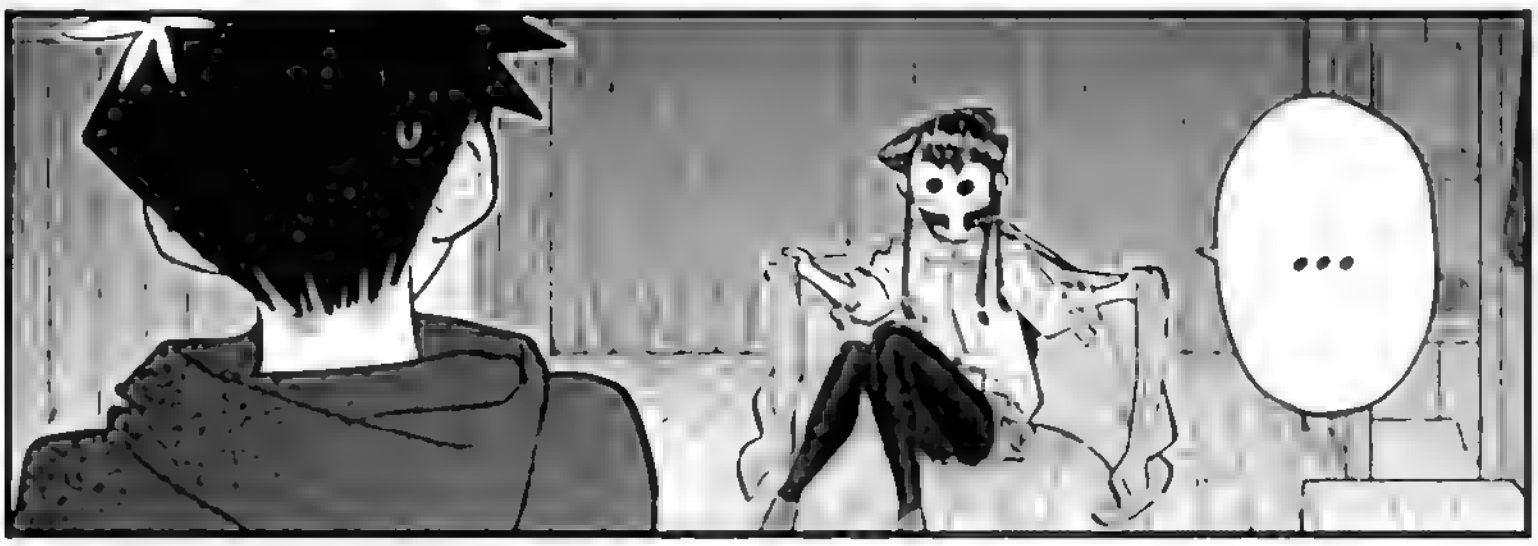
...
HM?


?
Totally losing it in embar-rassment
I MEAN ...
NO, UM...
YOU KNOW ...
UM...
...I SHOULDN'T.


...

Noticed she was doing something really embar-rassing
WH
UH
...!

...
...
SHWUS
...!!
Open-
ing it
anyway
?!

...
I
MEAN
...
ARE
Y-YOU
SURE?
I...

...TO...

...CATCH A COLD.

I DON'T WANT YOU...

!

OKAY, I'LL JOIN YOU.

THANKS.

PLIP
PLIP

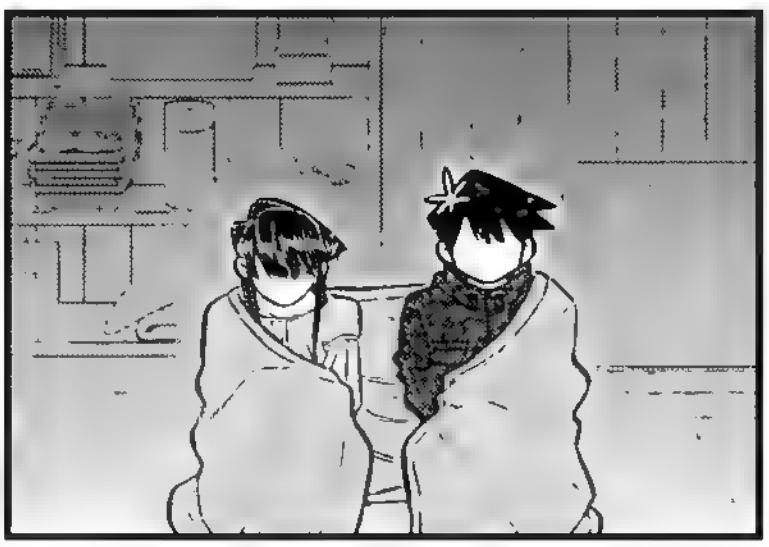
HWOOO
OOOOOO
...
...

BESIDES, WE REALLY SHOULDN'T !!
BUT I CAN'T ASK TO SIT ANY CLOSER !!

BUT I DON'T WANT HER TO CATCH A COLD!

...WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HER KINDNESS.
AND I DON'T...

UM...



...WOULD YOU MIND...
...SQUISHING OUR BODIES TOGETHER?
GAH! THAT SOUNDED TOTALLY WEIRD!!

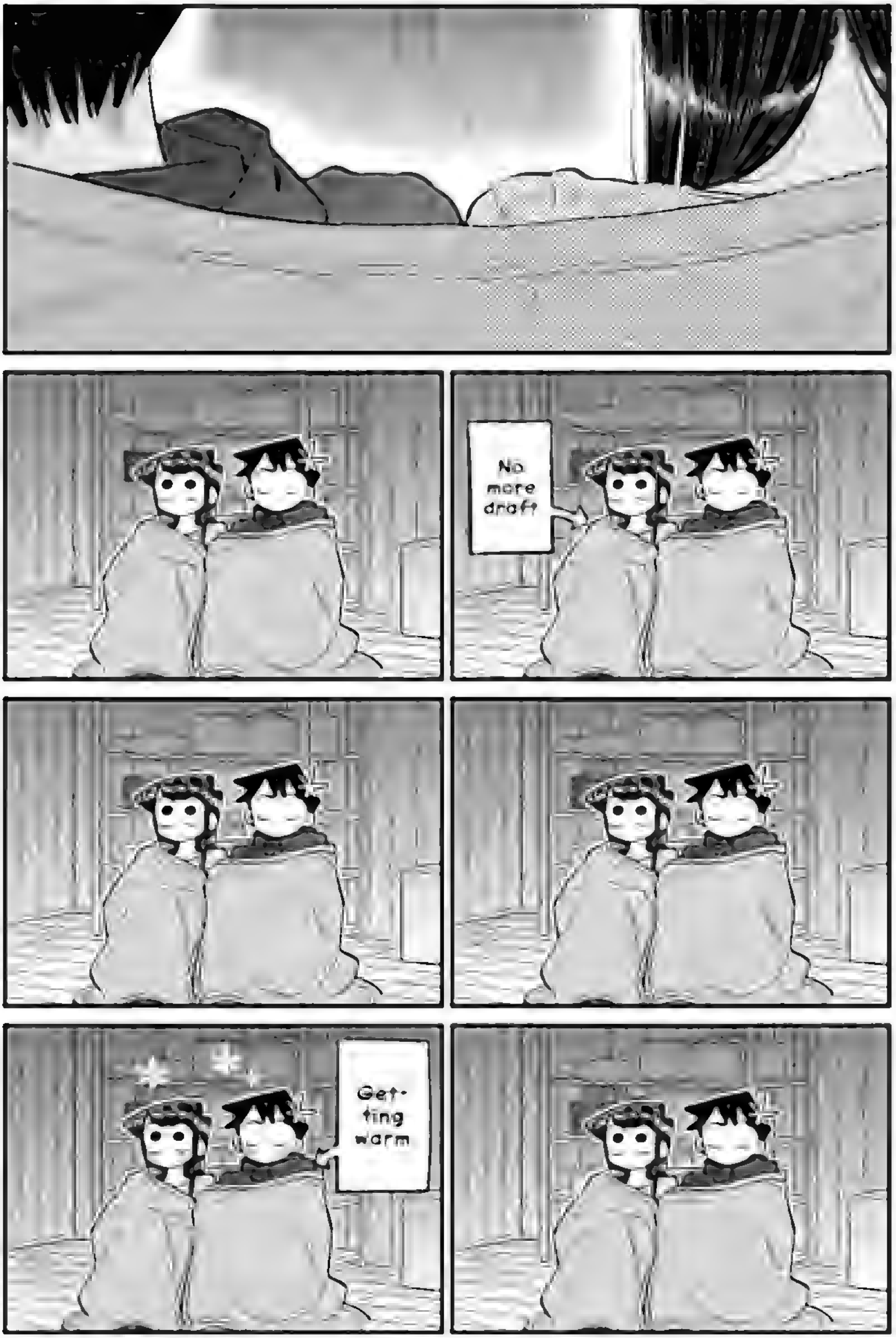
...YOU KNOW, UM, TO STAY WARM!

NO, UM, WHAT I MEANT WAS ...

...I WOULDN'T MIND.

NO...

?!


No more draft
Get-ting warm

Did anything happen?!
?!
DID ANY-THING HAP-PEN ?!

...
FLUD
WHOOSH
W-WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?!

AT "WOULD YOU MIND...

...SQUISHING OUR BODIES TOGETHER?"

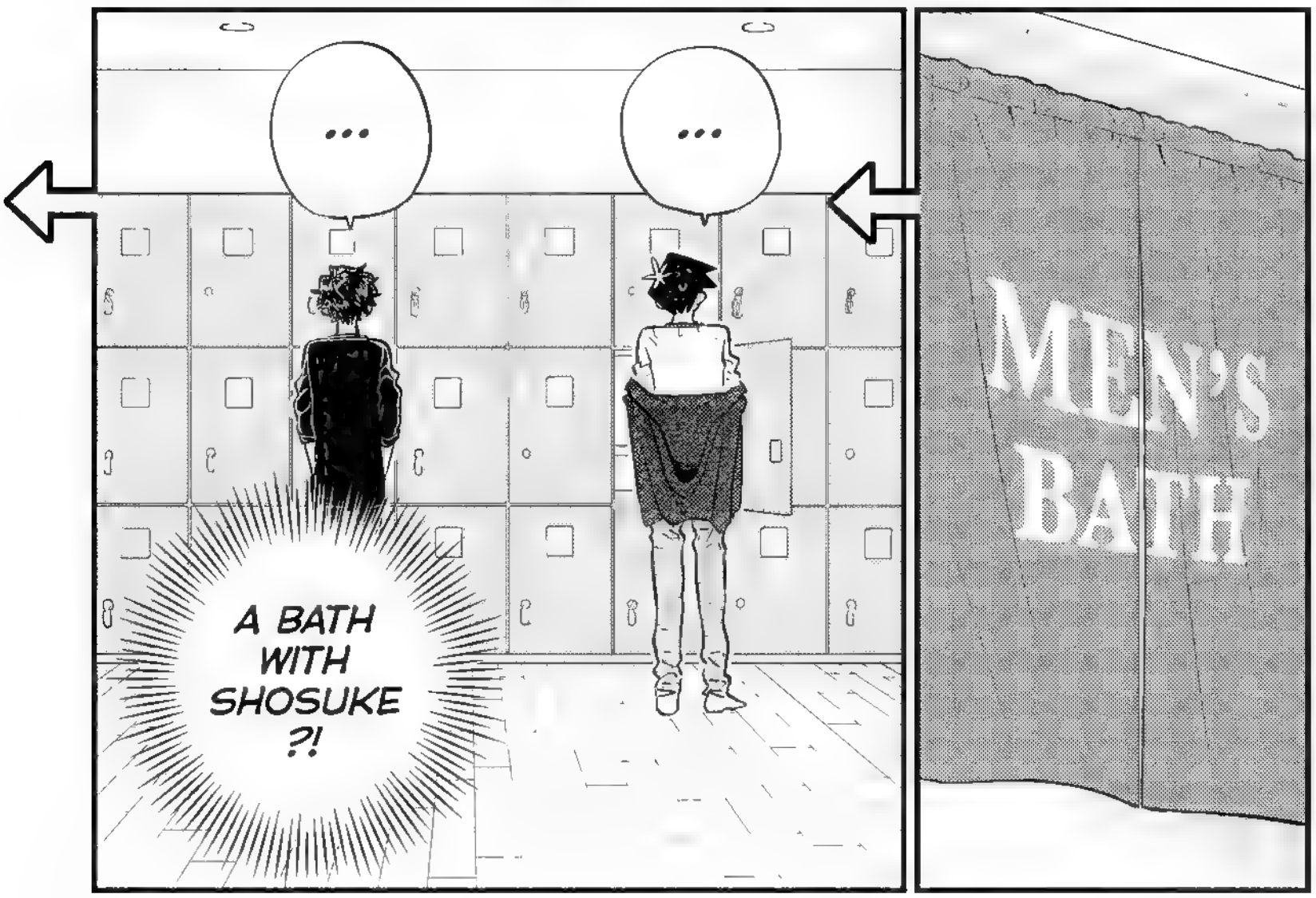
DON'T REPEAT IT!!!

I was worried about you!

Okay, see ya!

We're going to the bath-house.

FWAAAH
I THINK I'M GONNA MELT!
AH-HH!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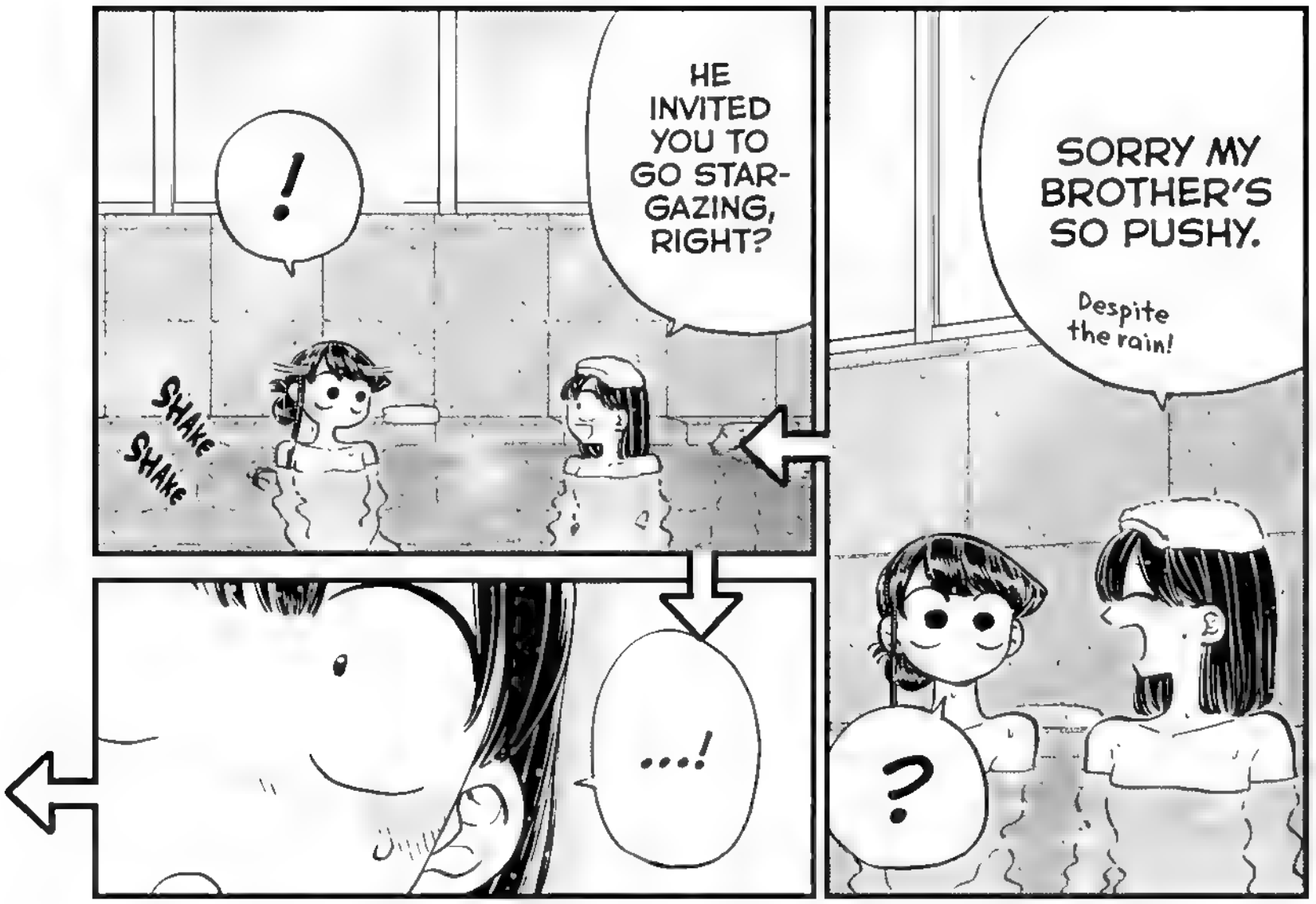
...
A BATH WITH SHOSUKE ?!
MEN'S BATH


!
HE INVITED YOU TO GO STAR-GAZING, RIGHT?
SHAKE SHAKE
SORRY MY BROTHER'S SO PUSHY.
Despite the rain!
?
...!
...
...
...
...
...
...

AND *THAT* DIDN'T BOTHER YOU?

?!

?!

I MEAN, HE'S A NICE GUY, BUT SORTA PLAIN ...

...LIKE *TOFU*, RIGHT?

I'M GONNA TRY THE OUTSIDE BATH.

SLIP

OH, BUT ...

YOU COULD DO BETTER! LIKE, A GUY WHO'S COOL, LOADED WITH CASH AND IS GREAT AT COMMUNI-CATION!!

Comm unica tion

?!

...I'D *LOVE* TO HAVE YOU AS A BIG SISTER!

SMILE

!

...!

RATTLE

WHOA ...

!!

HNUP

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AHEM ...

...FIT IN AT SCHOOL.

THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO HELP HIM...

"WON'T ANYONE EAT LUNCH WITH ME TODAY?" (COOL MALE VOICE)

?!

"AW MAN, I'M SO LONELY." (COOL MALE VOICE)

"I'M SHOSUKE." (COOL MALE VOICE)

Ventril-oquism

BABMP BABMP

?!

S

BABMP BABMP

SH-SHOSUKE WANTS TO EAT LUNCH WITH SOME-ONE!!

Class-mate

Communication 145: Soccer

CLASS COUNCIL ELECTIONS

LET'S DECIDE ON THE CLASS PRESI-DENT.

AND I WANT KOMI FOR VP!

ALL RIGHT! HOW ABOUT IT, KOMI?

?!

OOH, OOH! I WANNA DO IT!

VERY GOOD! I LIKE YOUR SPIRIT!

FWIP

D-DID YOU HEAR THAT COOL SIGH?!

He's the coolest!!

"SIGH... AW, MAN..." (COOL MALE VOICE)

Ventril-oquism

HEY, UH, SHOSUKE?

Break

!

...

NEVER MIND! MY DEEPEST APOLO-GIES!

S-S-SORRY! I W-WAS JUST G-GONNA CHAT, BUT...

HE'S GOT GOOD LOOKS AND HE'S CONGENIAL !!

"DID YOU SEE CHIBI MARUKO-CHAN YESTERDAY? YAMANA WAS GREAT!"

WOW! HE KEEPS UP WITH TV TOO!

"BUT SANKA-KURAKU WASN'T TOO BAD EITHER."

"AFTER ALL, OUR NAMES ARE SIMILAR."

"I THINK SHOTARO WAS A GOOD SHOW HOST."

Lunch

Yeah!

?!

Two voices at once

WANNA SEE A PIC? (HER OWN VOICE)

"I LOVE THE WAY MINAMIMURA GETS BASHFUL AROUND WOMEN!" (COOL MALE VOICE)

OH WOOOW

THE ROLL CAKES AT THAT PLACE ARE... (HER OWN VOICE)

MY BROTHER DRESSED UP LIKE A GIRL! (HER OWN VOICE)

"THE HOT SPRING BIT IS THE BEST! I DIED LAUGHING! ☆" (COOL MALE VOICE)

Really? You laugh?!

Shosuke surprised me!

...

After lunch

YAHOOOO

?!

"WE SHOULD GO PLAY SOCCER, DUDES !!"

Let's go play soccer!!
YAHOOOO
YOU GOTTA PLAY!
C'MON!
TUG
WAP
WAP
...
WAP
...

WAP

...

...

SLAMMMMM

Shoul-
der
throw

?!

GRA
AAA
AH!!

Don't
try this
at home,
kids.

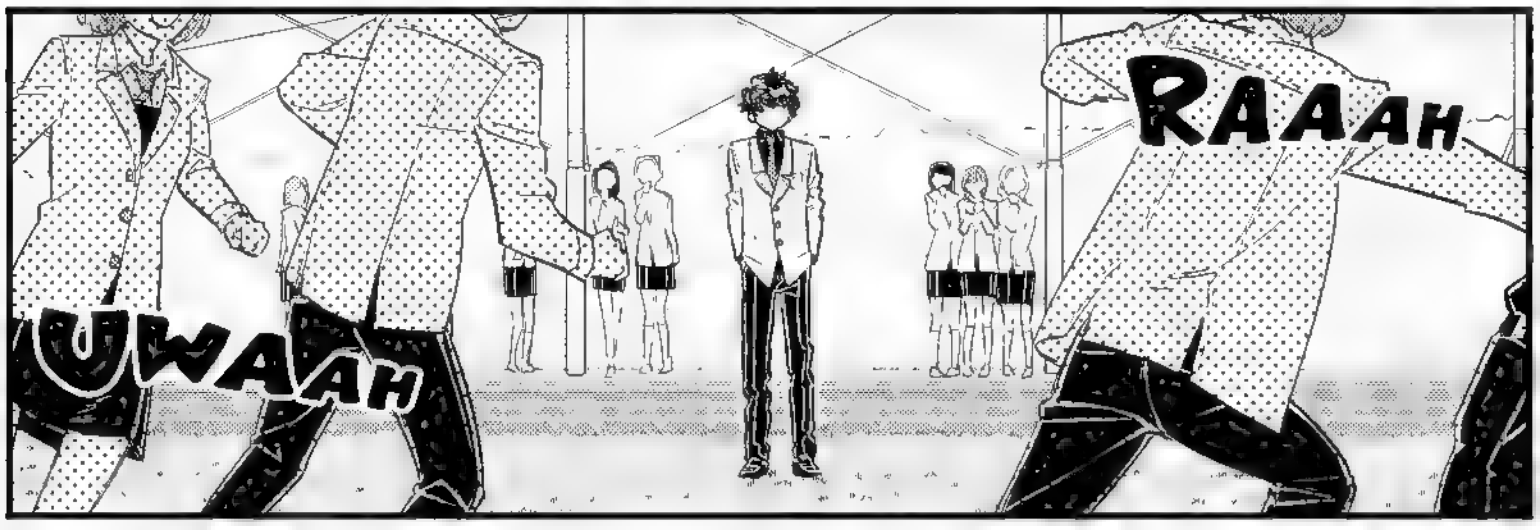
Former
prefec-
tural
judo
competitor

...

YOU'RE
COMIN'
WITH
ME!!

DRRRRRAG

WAAAH
YAAAH


UWAAH
RAAAH

FWEET
SHOSUKE!!
SWIP

SH-
SHO-
SUKE!
GET
THE
BALL!

SWIP
SHOSUKE?!
SHO-SUKE! CUT HIM OFF!
GLOP

ARE YOU...

...

SHOSUKE ...

...

SCARED OF THE BALL?

...

IT'LL BE FUN!!

DON'T WORRY! THOSE GUYS AREN'T THAT GOOD! SO JUMP RIGHT IN!

NOT ENOUGH COUR-AGE, HUH?

IT TAKES 22 PEOPLE TO PLAY SOCCER.

...

...AND WORK AS A TEAM.

...AND CALL OUT OPENINGS ...

... PASS THE BALL ...

YOU DO THINGS LIKE ...

...BUT YOU DON'T DO IT BY YOUR-SELF.

SO YOU FACE 11 PLAY-ERS ...

...BUT IT'S EVERY-BODY'S GOAL!

AND EVEN-TUALLY SOMEONE SCORES ...

EVERY-ONE WORKS TOGETHER.

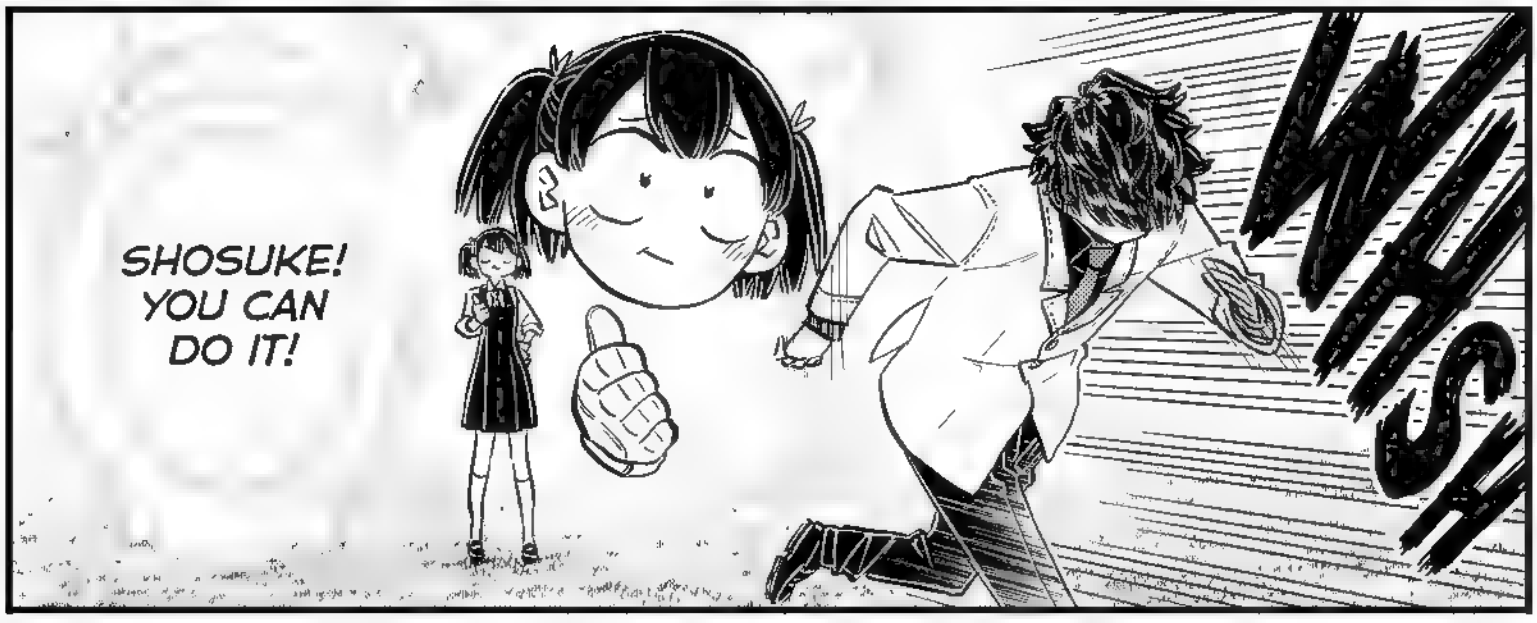
NO ONE CHASES THE BALL ALONE.

YOU AND YOUR TEAM-MATES ARE ONE.

RIGHT?

WHEN YOU CAN DO THAT...
...YOU WON'T NEED MY HELP ANY-MORE.

YOU'LL BE FREE OF ME!!!
SCORE A GOAL, AND I'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE.
WHEN YOU CAN DO THAT, YOU WON'T NEED MY HELP ANY-MORE.


SHOSUKE! YOU CAN DO IT!
HE

WISH
TROMP

PASS!

C'MON, PASS!

SH...

SHOSUKE!!

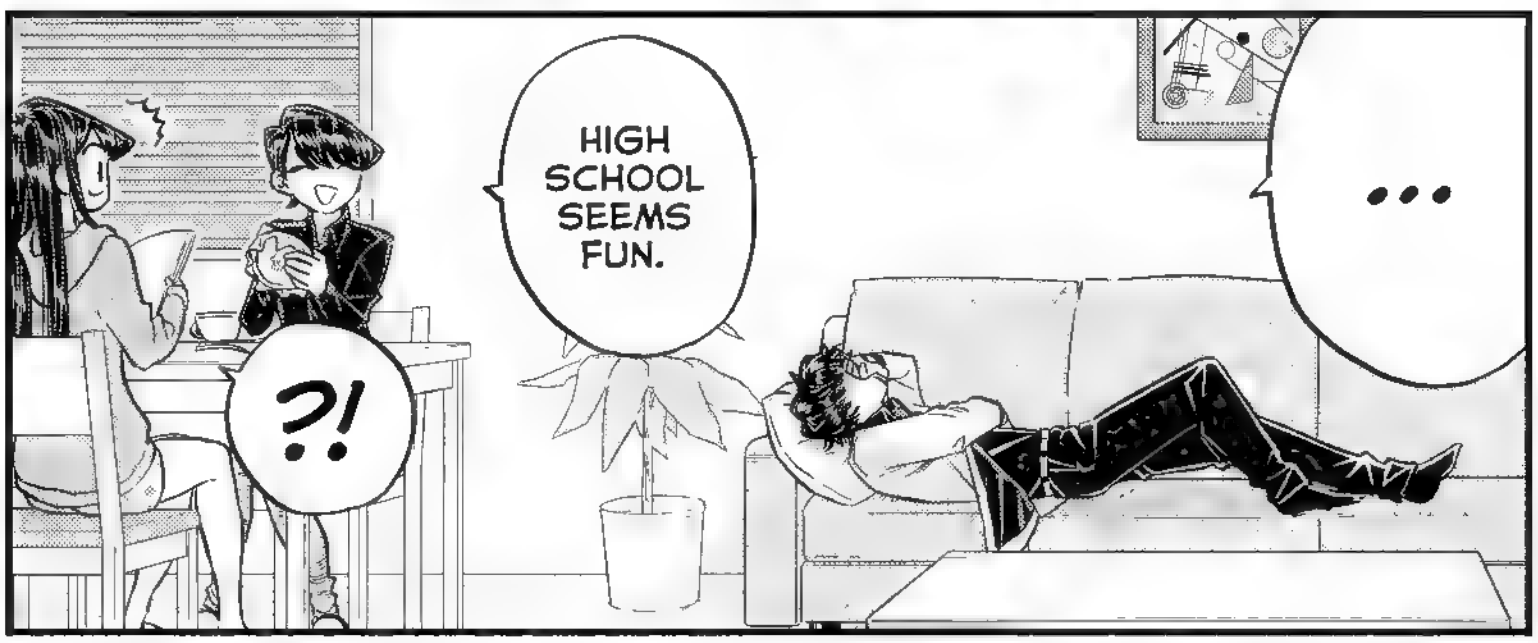
FOP

BW
SHOOT!!
HA

Sorry, Shosuke !!

GO FOR IT!

COME ON...



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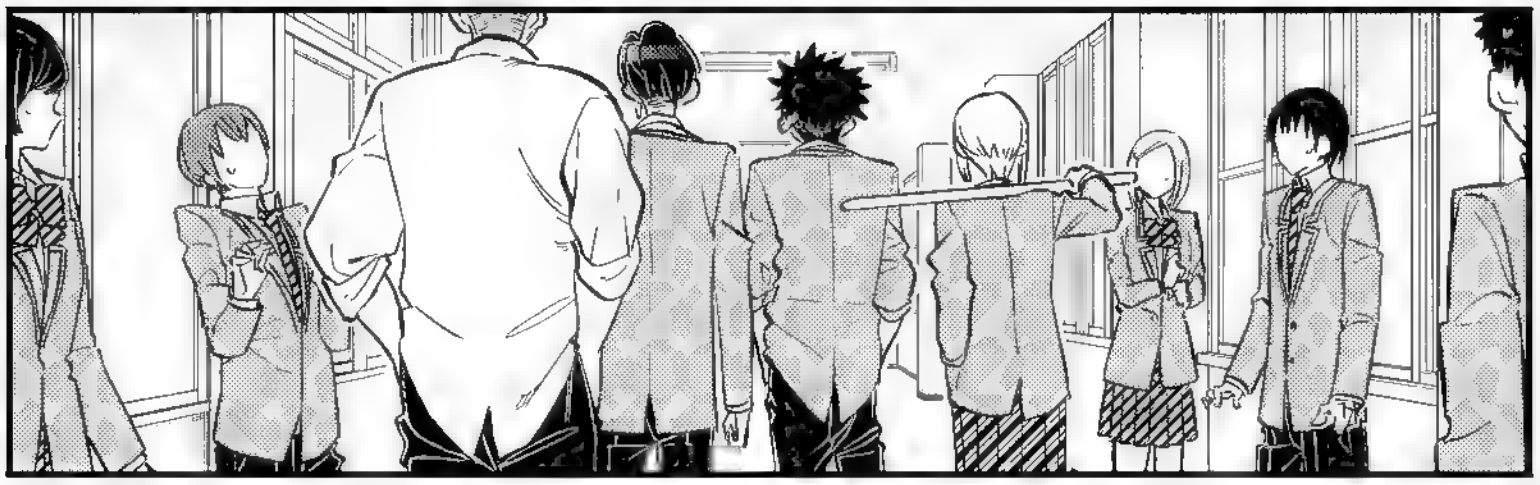
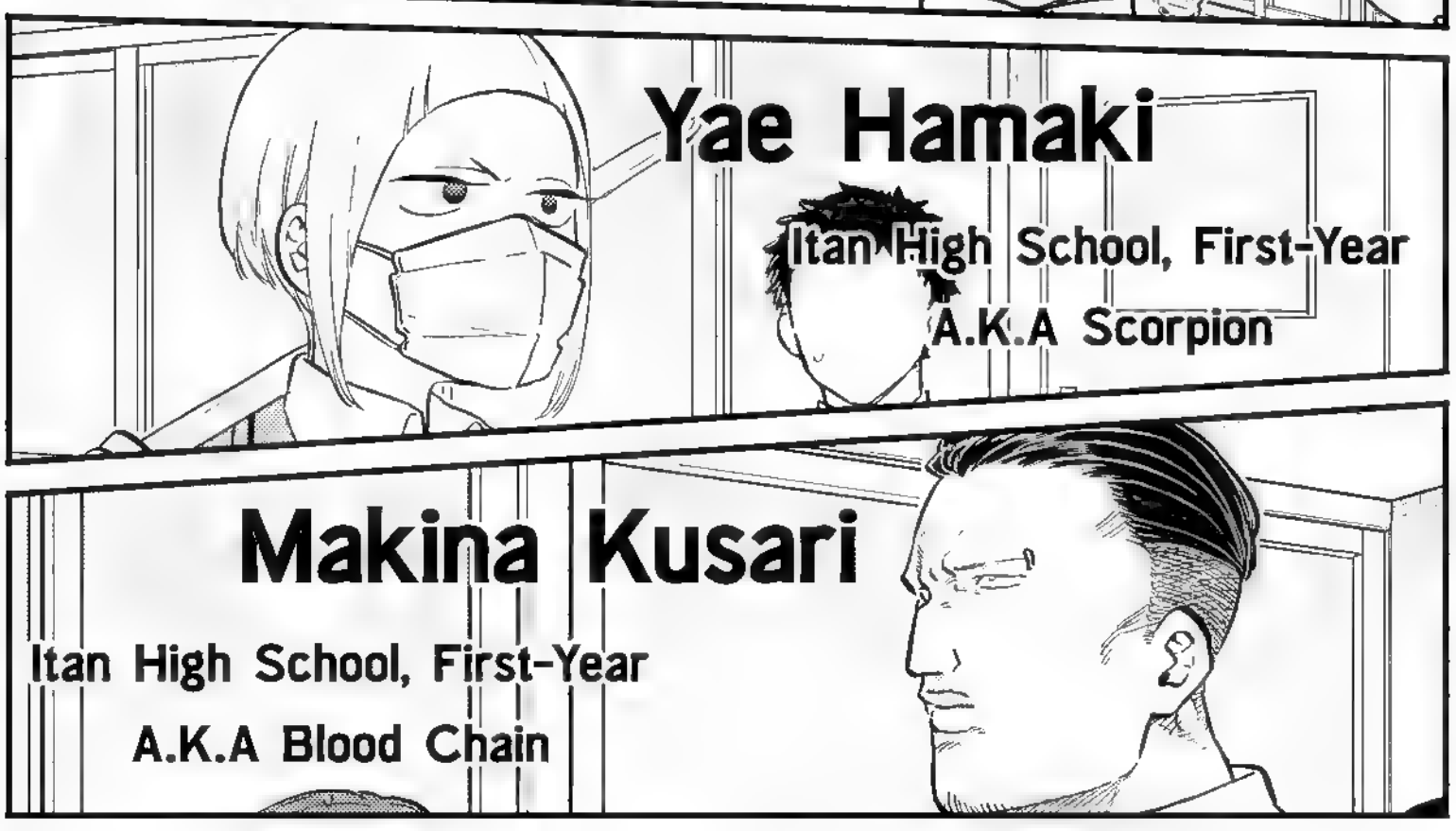


Itan High School,
First-Year
A.K.A Fistfight
Goro
Suteno

Itan High School, First-Year
A.K.A Heaven's Door
Hajime Gokudo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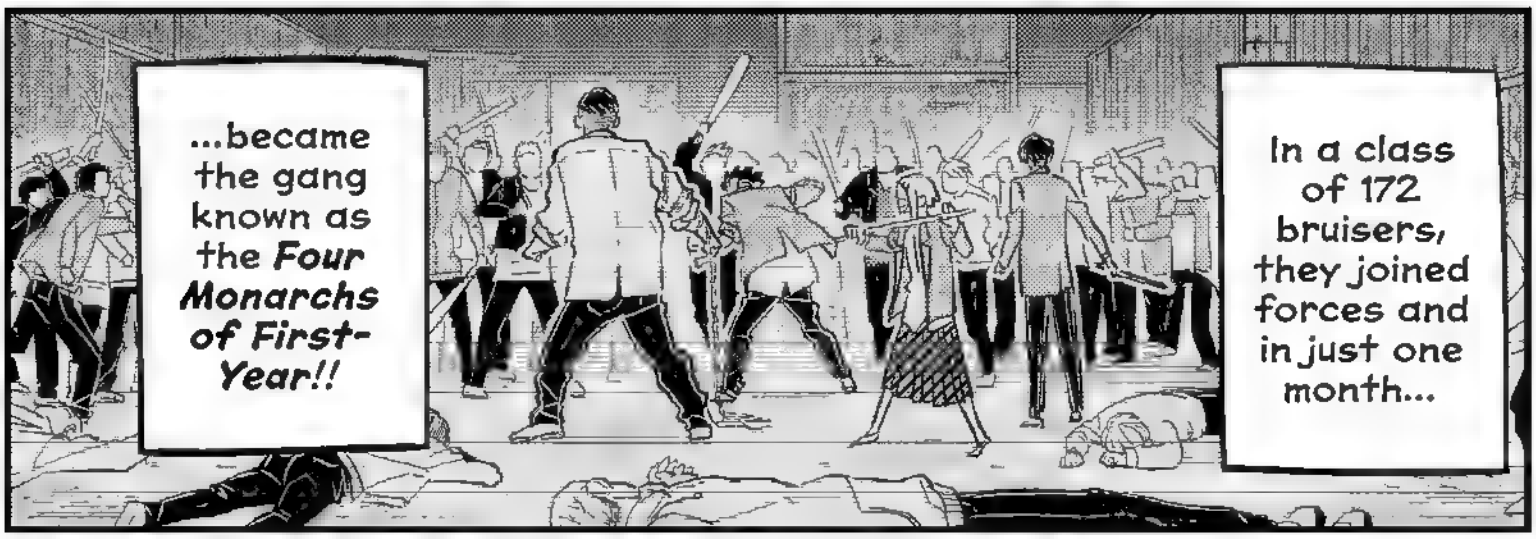
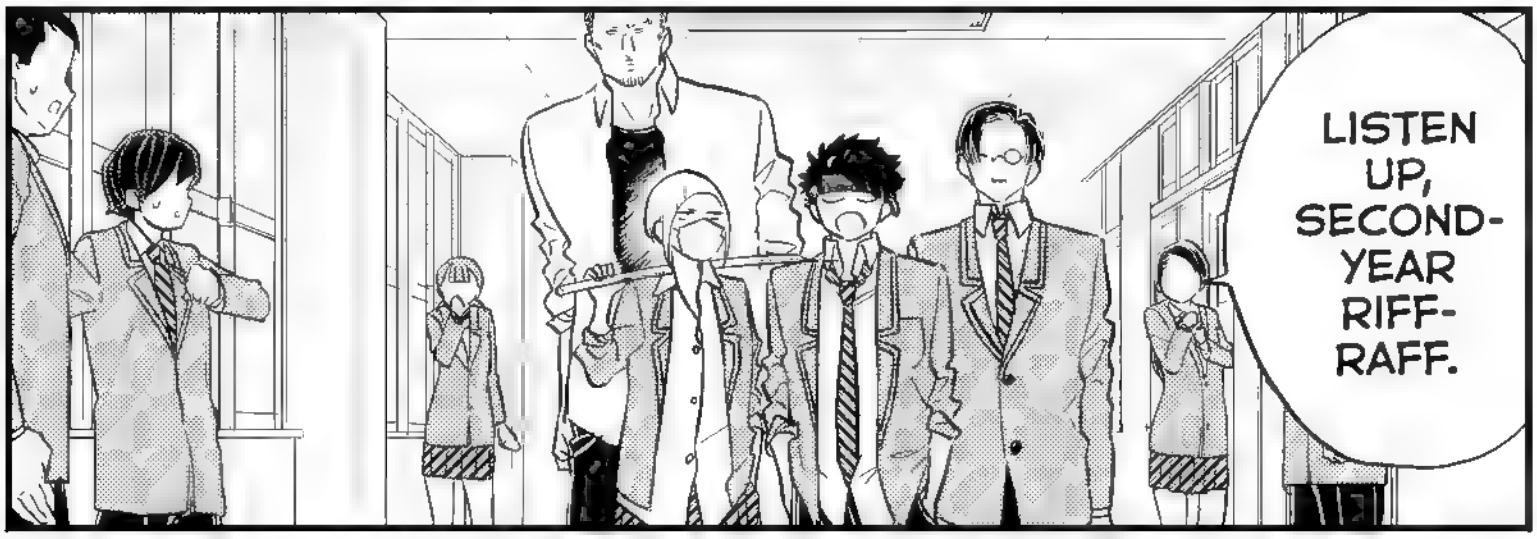
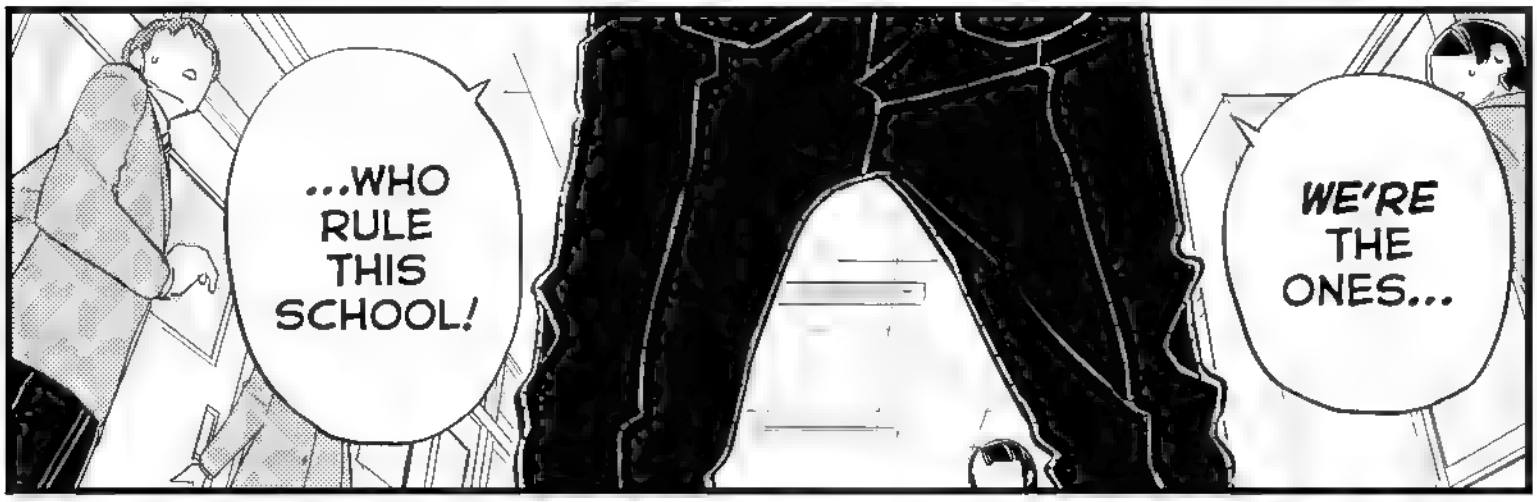
A.K.A Scorpion
Makina Kusari
Itan High School, First-Year
A.K.A Blood Chain


...became the gang known as the *Four Monarchs of First-Year!!*
In a class of 172 bruisers, they joined forces and in just one month...





Communication 146: Delinquent, Part 2

THEIR NAMES ARE...

ITAN HIGH ALREADY HAS FOUR MONARCHS.

AND TOP-O'-THE-WORLD ICHO.

NEVER HEARD OF 'EM!

2nd-Yr

Two hun-dred degrees !!

BURNING NETSUNO.

ALIEN RYU.

ANDROID ANDO.

...KNOW WHO SHE IS.

AND I...

BUT EVEN THEY CANNOT TOUCH THE *SECRET BOSS.*

His infor-mant

KOMI ?!

2nd-Yr

DISCOM-MUNICATION KOMI!

I SUGGEST WE GO STRAIGHT FOR THE HEAD...

...AND TAKE HER OUT.

SUTENO ?

AGREED. SKIP THE SMALL FRY.

2—1

YO, KOMI !!

RATTLE

STEP OUT-SIDE!!

?!

THIS AURA ...

THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!!

Katai

THAT MUST BE KOMI !!

RUMMMMMB

BBBLLLLE

I CAN'T GET ANY CLOSER!!

WHAT A THREAT-ENING AURA! (SCARY FACE)

S-SUTENO ?!

HEH! INTER-ESTING ...

BABMP♡

KLONK

!

?!

WOOO

WHO'RE YOU?

UM...

LACKEY ?

Unless you wanna get hurt.

STEP ASIDE, LACKEY.

FLINCH

YO, KOMI!

?

HE'S IGNORING US!
Doesn't know they mean him

WARNING! MK-5!!

MEGA KICKING OF BUTT IN 5 SECONDS!!!

WHAT'S THIS CHUMP'S PROBLEM?!

DOESN'T HE KNOW FISTFIGHT SUTENO?!

GRND GRND GRND GRND GRND

THEY'RE LOOKING AT ME...

Eep!!

!

JOLT

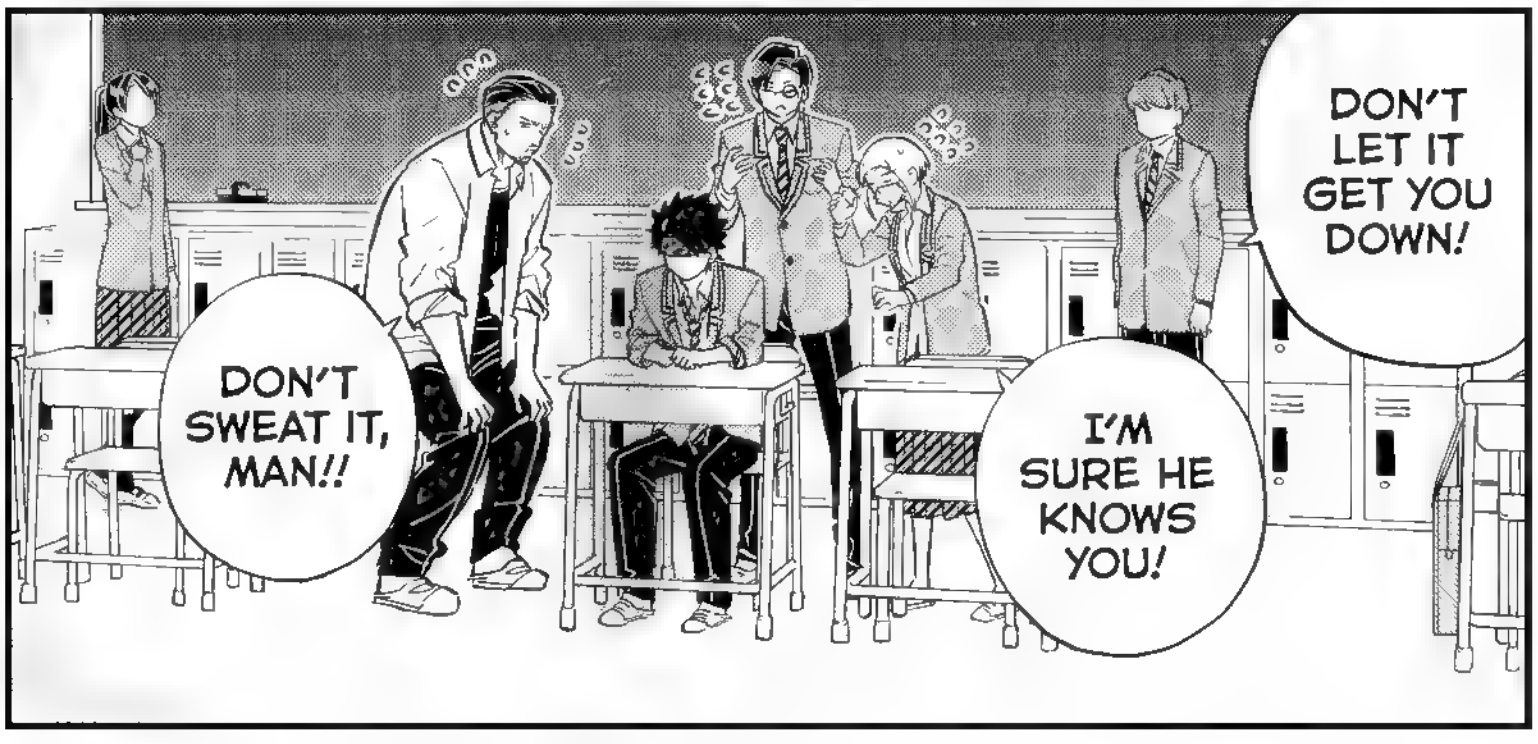
YO, KOMI!

I'M FIST-FIGHT SUTENO!

YOU *KNOW* WHO I *AM*, YEAH?

WHO'S THAT?
WHO IS HE ?
HUH?
HE'S WHO AGAIN?
?
HE'S WHO?

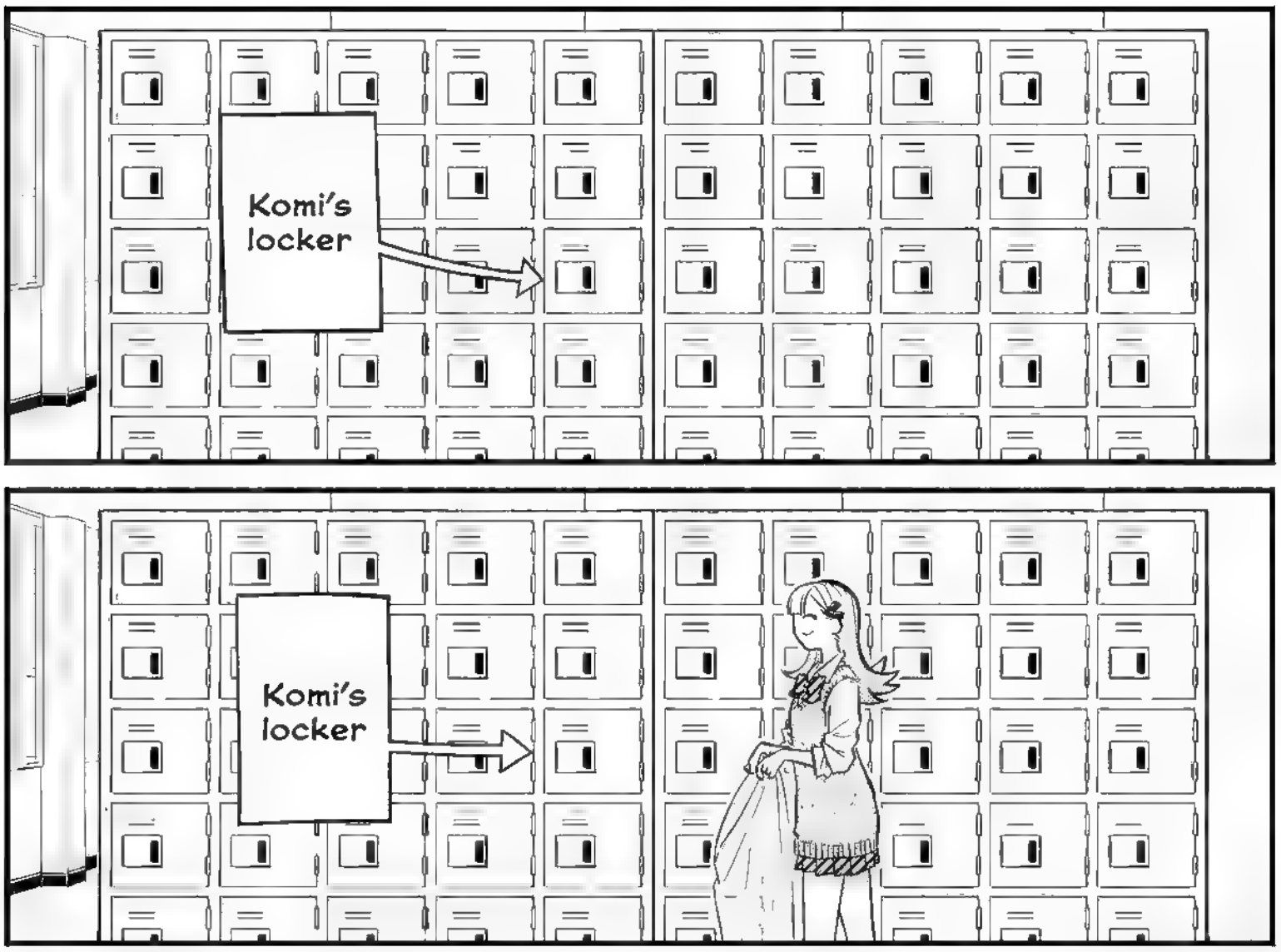
... DON'T YOU?
YOU DO KNOW WHO I AM...

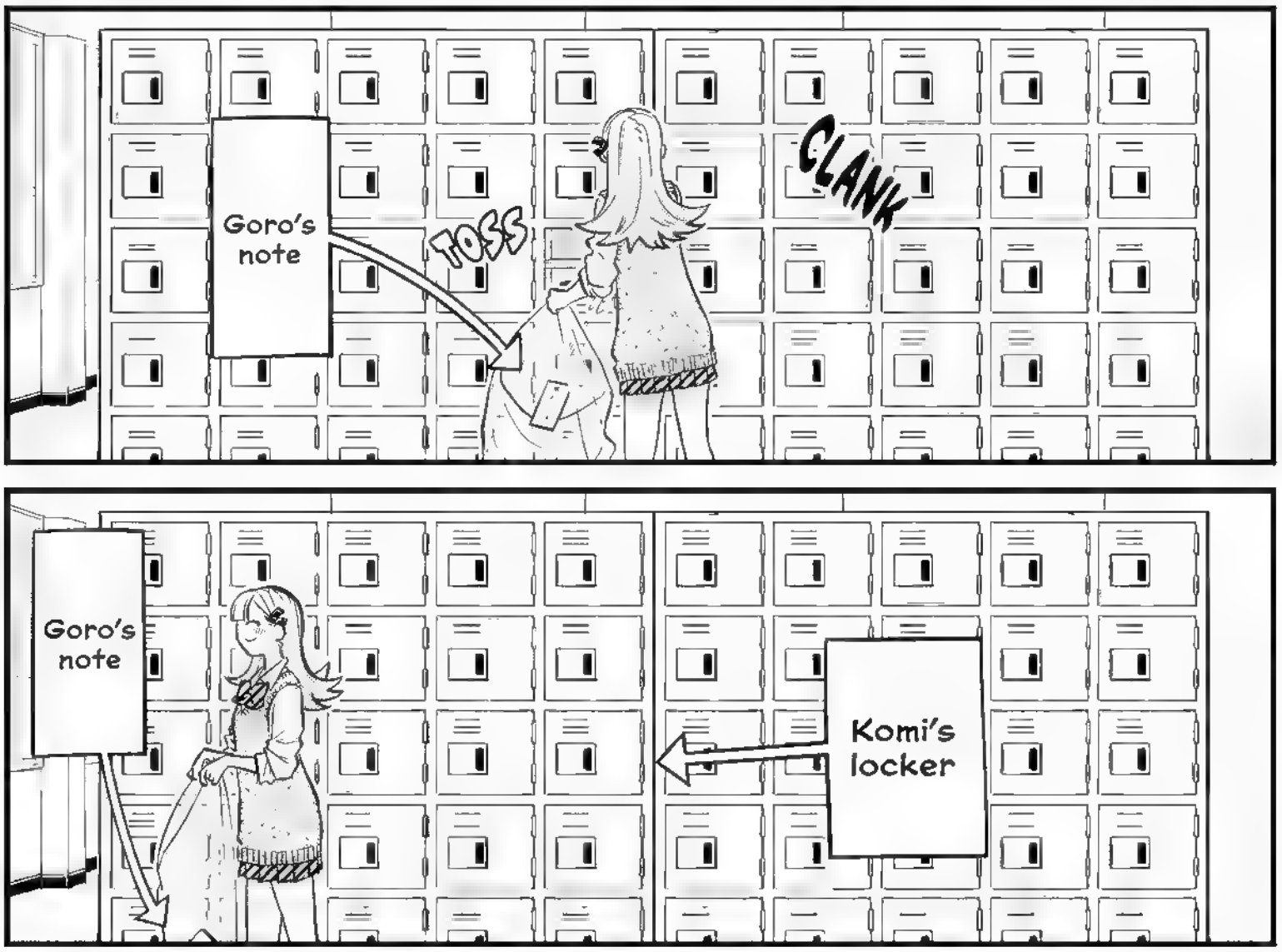


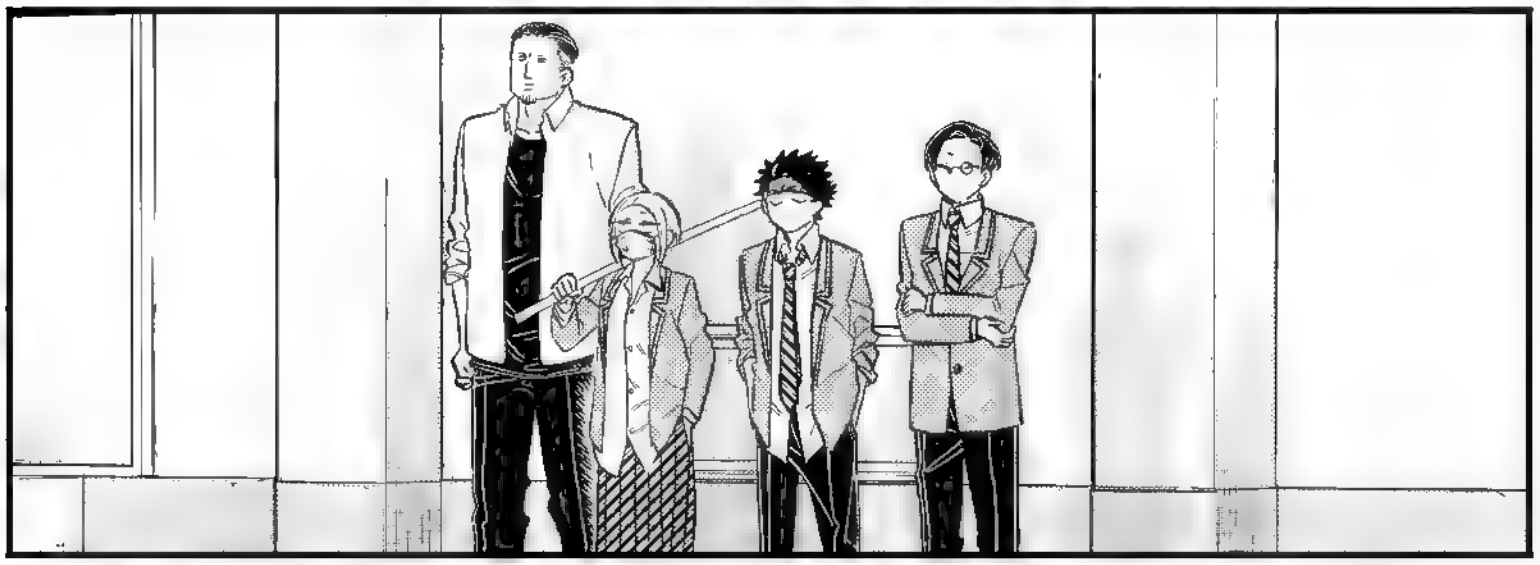
Communication 146 — The End

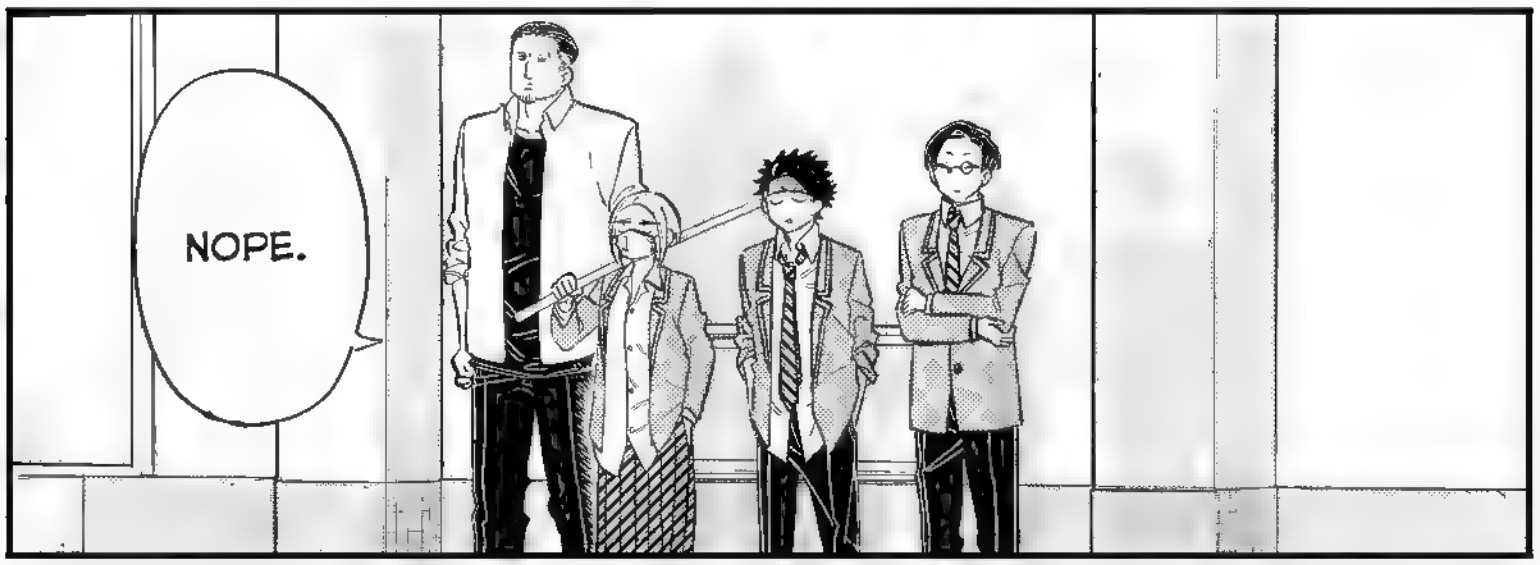
Komi Can't

Communication 147: Delinquent, Part 3


Komi's locker
Komi's locker


Goro's note
TOSS
CLANK
Goro's note
Komi's locker





Communication 147 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate

HE'S TOYIN' WITH US!!
THAT PUNK !!
TROMMMMMMP
...I'LL PUNCH HIM! THAT'LL LEARN HIM!!
WHETHER HE'S STALLIN' OR JUST A COWARD ...
So many beverages to choose from...
THERE HE IS!!

Communication 148: Delinquent, Part 4

SWISH

I'll have calpi.

GRAH!

SH

GRAH!

BUZZZZZZZZ

Yikes! A bug!

SWP

Ooh! Hop-scotch!

YAH!

KLANNK

OUCH! ♥

SMACK

THWACK

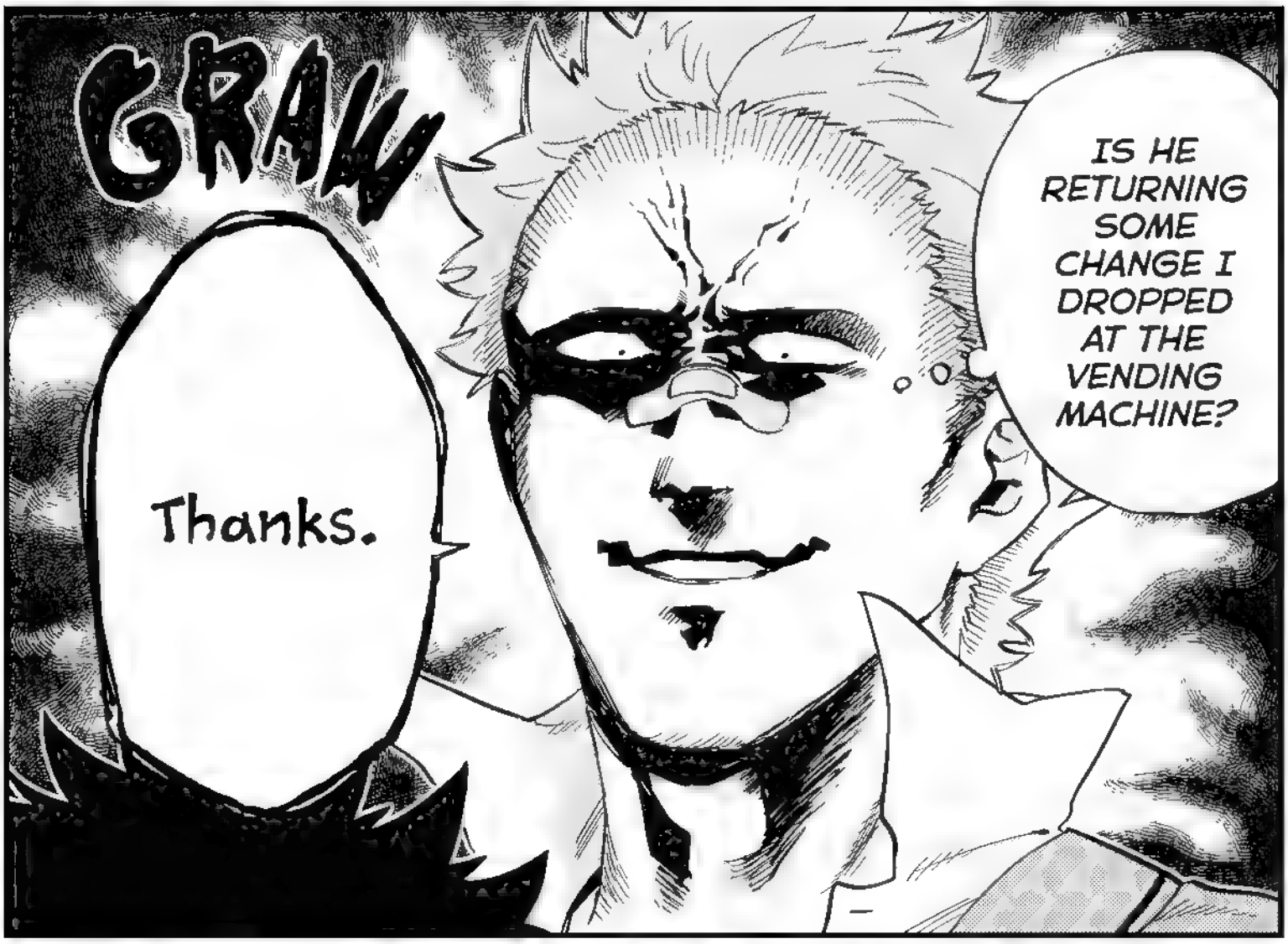
Mosqui-toes

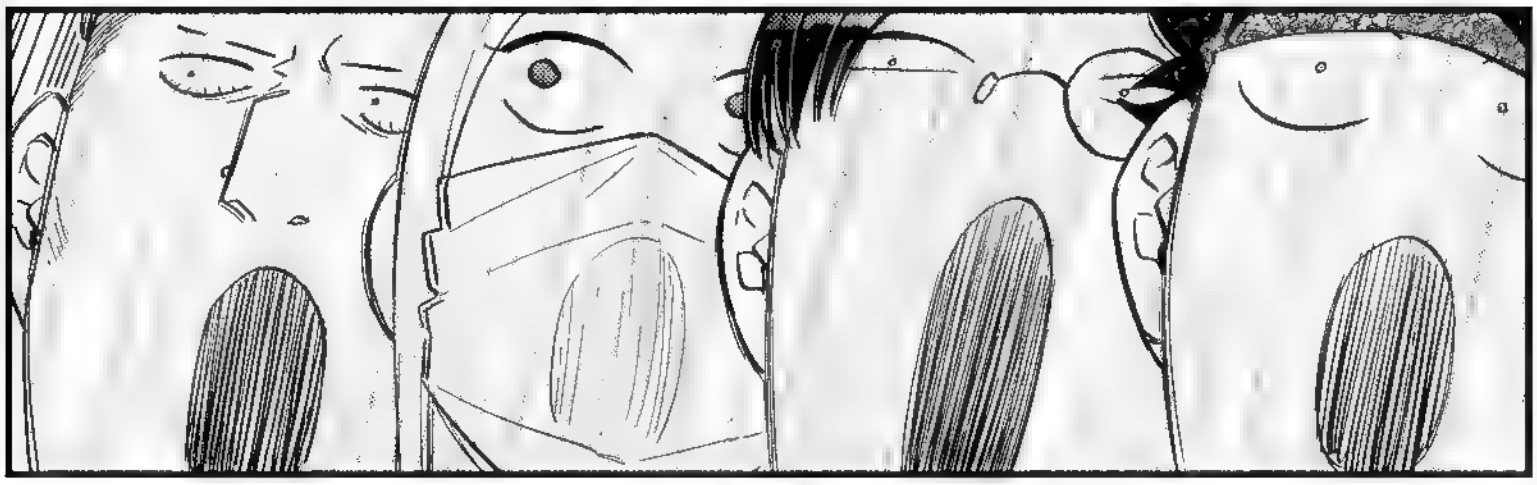
Yikes! More bugs!

oooo!!
THAT'S HOW HE BEAT MA AND SHI FROM KOYO HIGH SCHOOL !
CLINK

Coinbit!!
Holding coins for a more powerful punch.

LIKE PUNCHING A PLANET!
CLATTER
!
OW...
WHAT ...?





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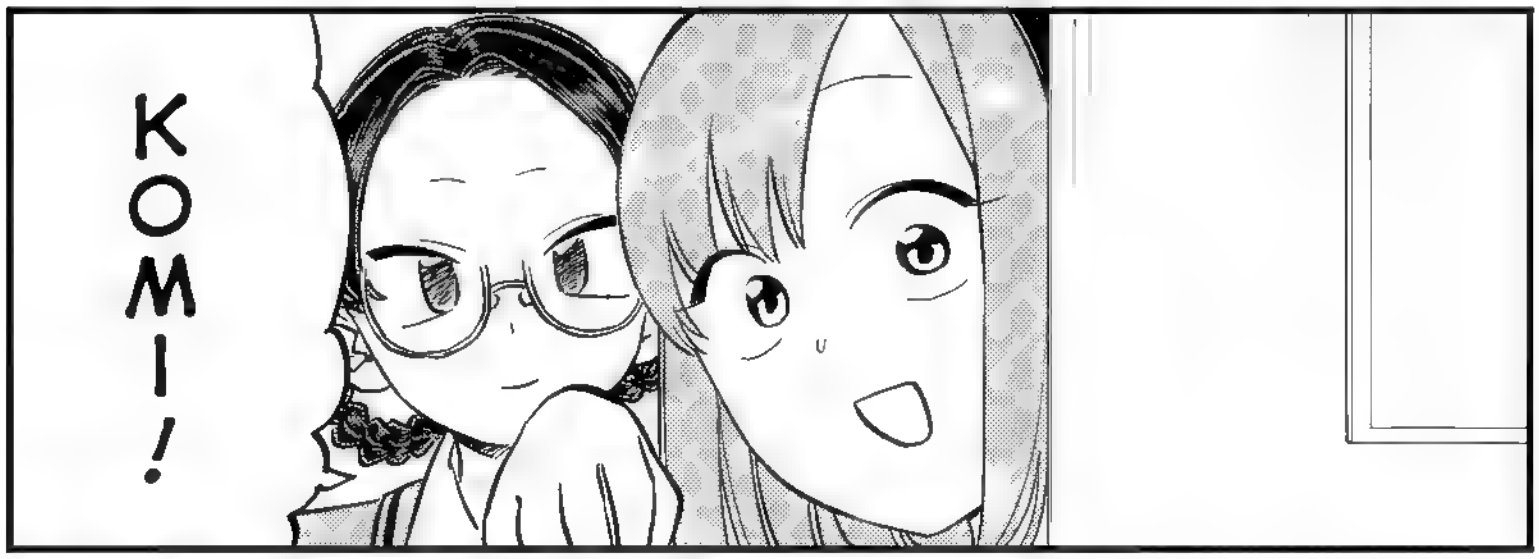
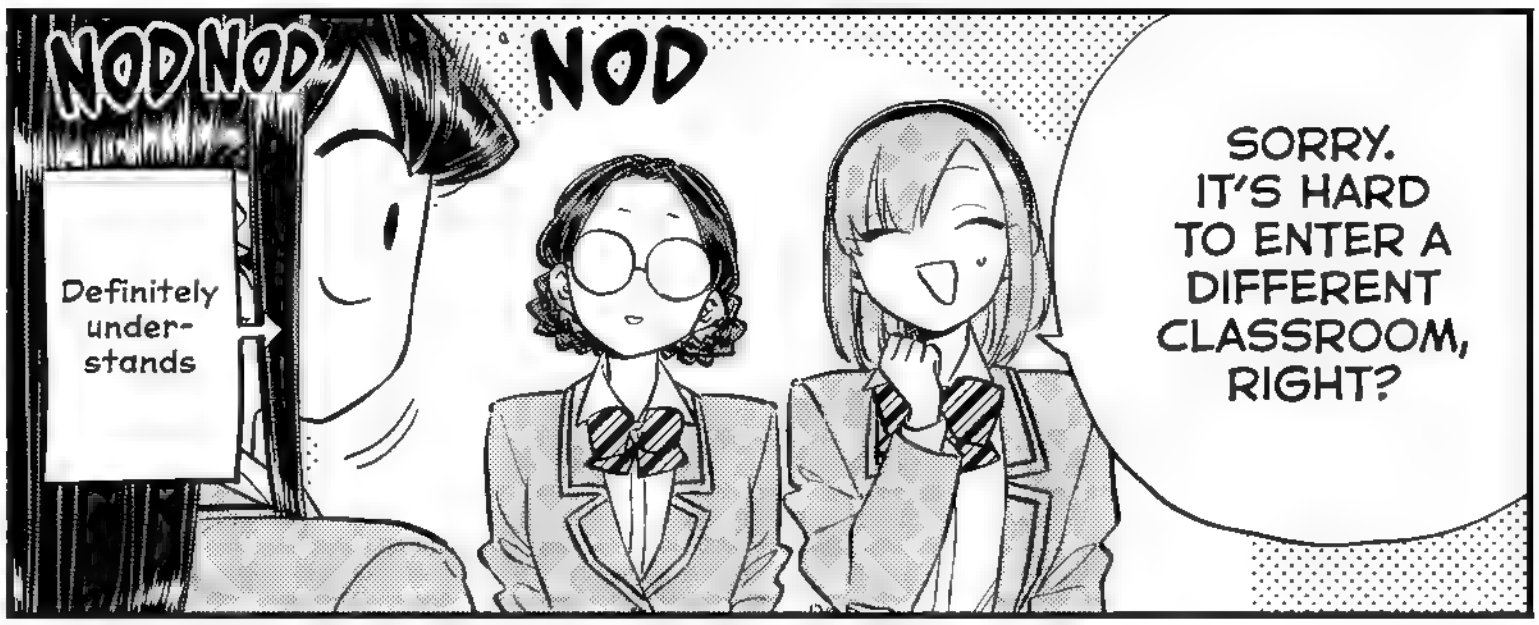

KOMI!

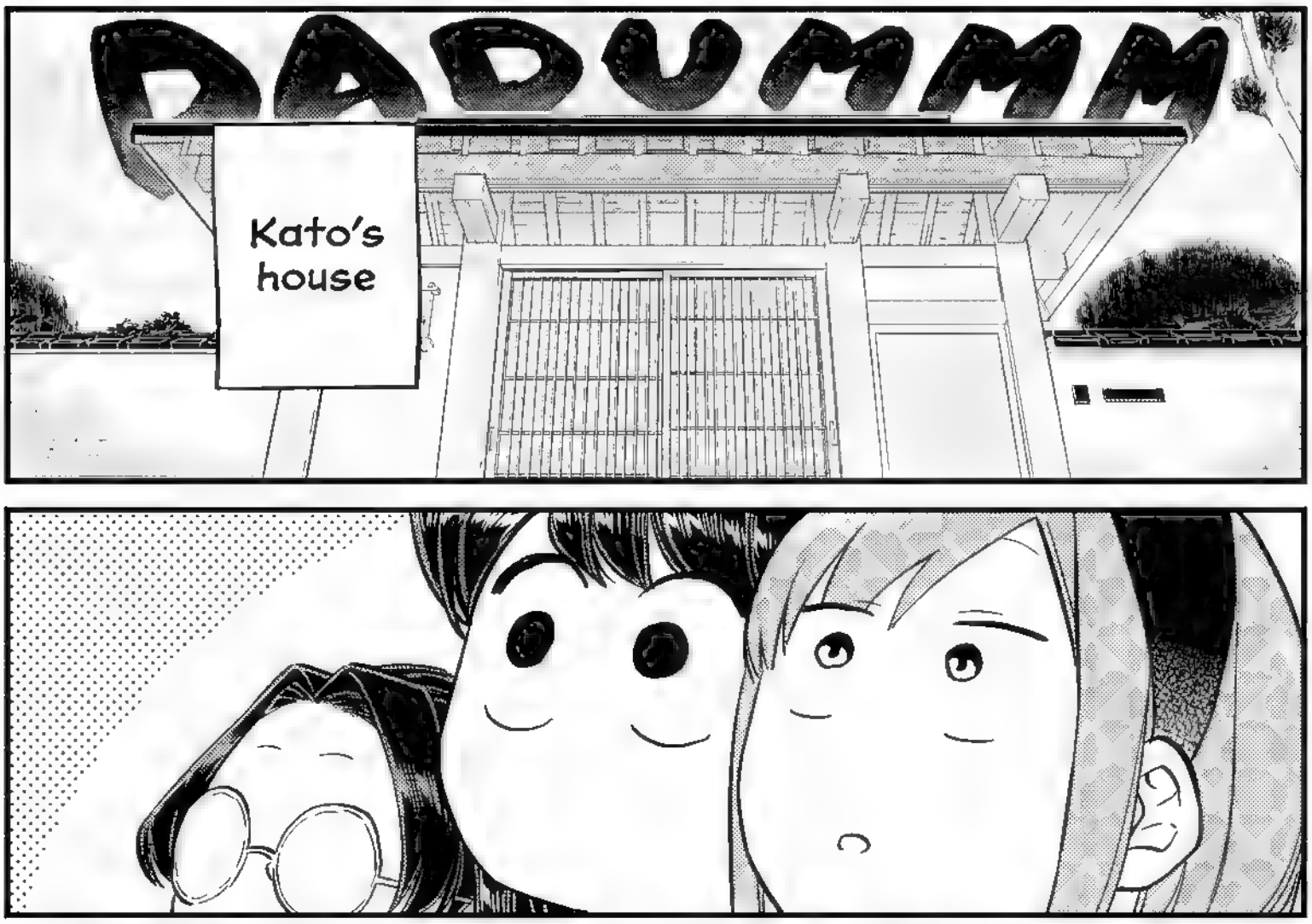
Come here!
Hey!

Good morning!


NOD NOD
NOD
Definitely understands
SORRY. IT'S HARD TO ENTER A DIFFERENT CLASSROOM, RIGHT?

I'M GOING TO MIKUNI'S HOUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY.
WANNA COME?
!
AREN'T YOU CURIOUS WHAT IT'S LIKE?
!
!
IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL, THOUGH.
AHA!
SHOULD I INVITE KATAI?
SHOULDER PUNCH
THAT ISN'T NECES-SARY.
Don't tease me!!
OW.

Communication 149: Kato's House


DADUMMM
Kato's house

TADUMMM
...
TADUMMM
N-
NO!
ARE YOU IN THE YAKUZA?!

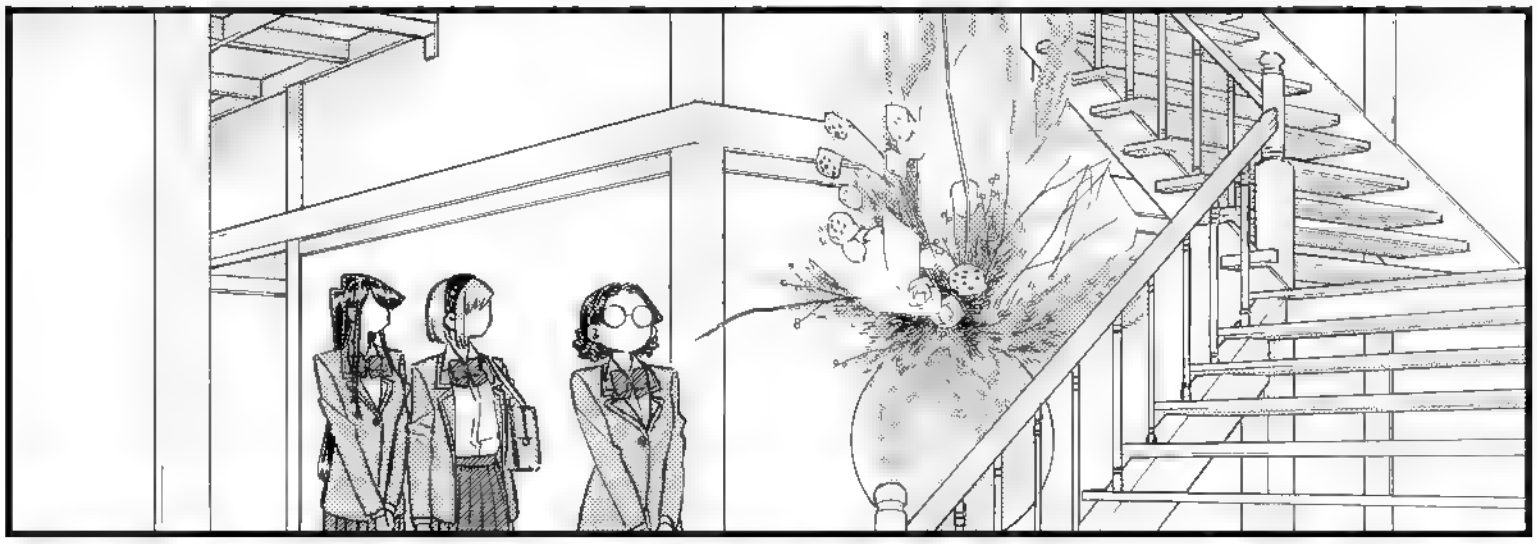
WHA AAA AT?!

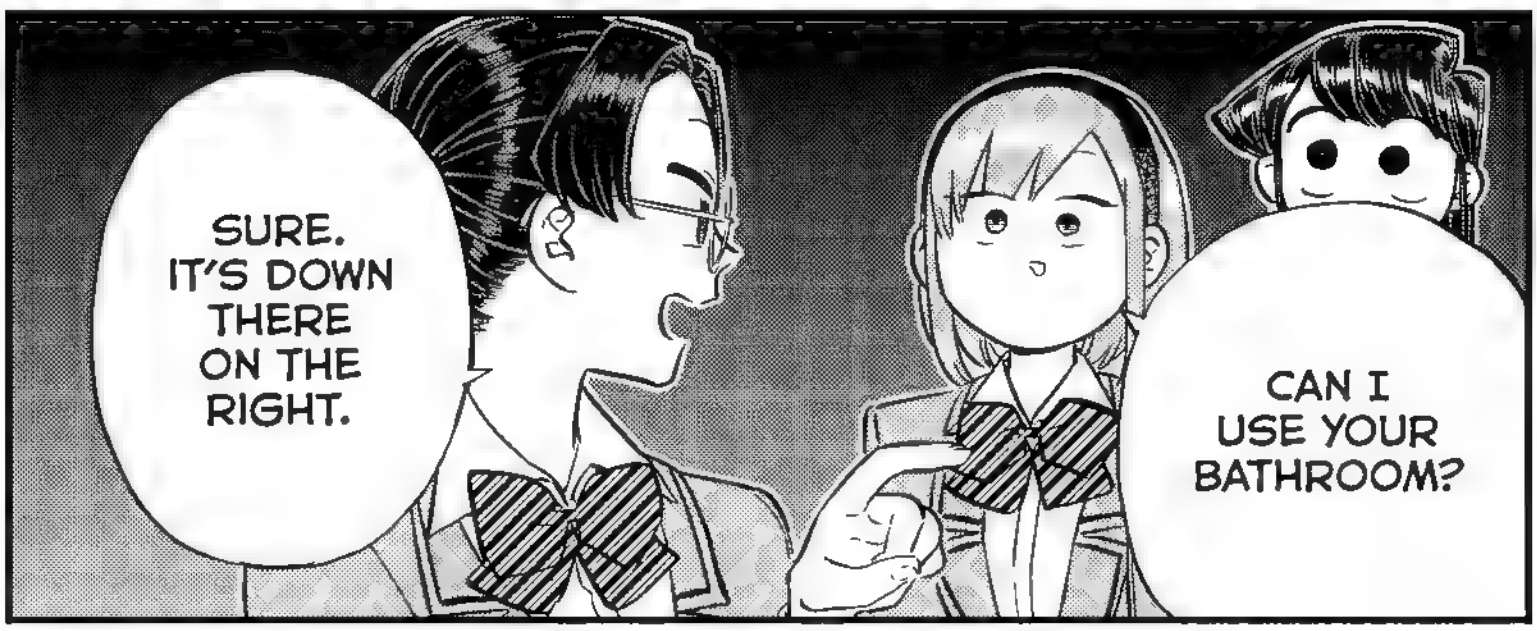
IT'S A NORMAL HOUSE, ISN'T IT?

WELL, MAYBE *YOU'RE* YAKUZA!!

NO WAY! MY HOUSE IS LIKE *THIS* SMALL!!

L-LET'S GO INSIDE...




SURE. IT'S DOWN THERE ON THE RIGHT.
CAN I USE YOUR BATHROOM?

?!

JOLT

GYA IIIE EEE EE!!

?!

AND THAT'S WHY YOU *SHRIEKED* ?

THE TOILET IS *BLACK!!*

OH, YOU'RE HOME, MIKUNI?

YEAH, I'M BACK.

!

ARE YOU FRIENDS WITH MY DAUGHTER?

UH...

YES, HELLO.

Mikuni's mother

Yakuna Kato

WHOA! SHE LOOKS SO FORBIDDING!

Uh, it's n-n-nice to m-meet...

YOU COMMONERS HAVE NO RIGHT TO SOCIALIZE WITH MY DAUGHTER!

Yiiikes!

Salt!

IS SHE GONNA SAY THAT?!

FIDGET

FIDGET

...

IS SHE FIDGETING?!

?!

MOM?!

F-
FOLLOW
M-ME!!

FWAH

Satis-
fied

MOM
!!

I RECENTLY MADE THESE KIMONO AND THEY'RE PERFECT FOR YOU GIRLS! YOU DON'T GET TO WEAR KIMONO OFTEN, DO YOU? THAT'S ALL RIGHT! WEAR THESE! ARE YOU HUNGRY? WANT SOME CAKE? OR SOMETHING SALTY?

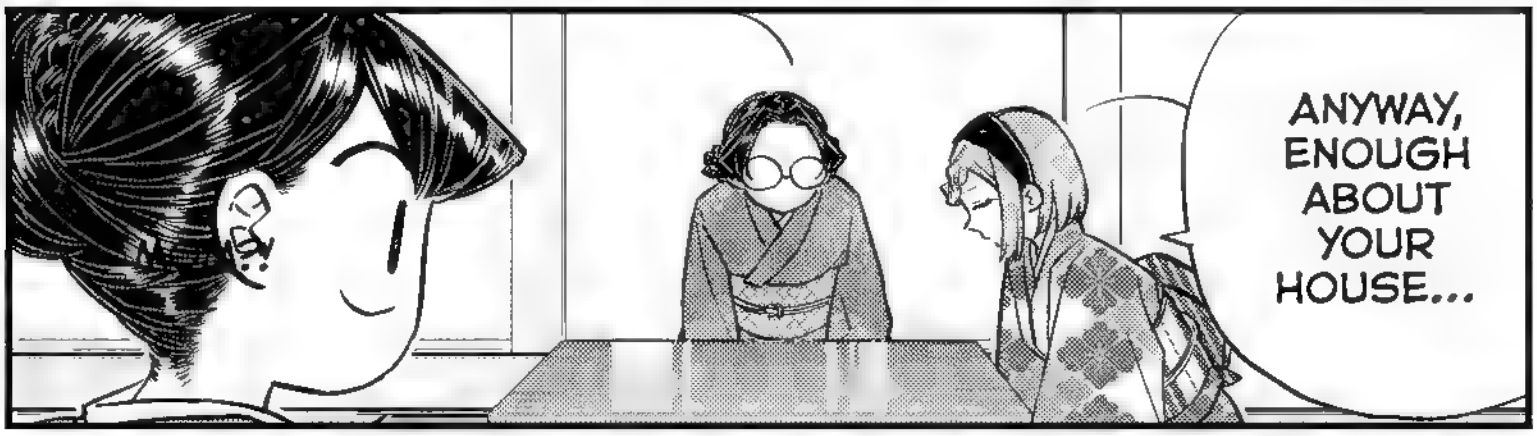
SHOULDER PUNCH

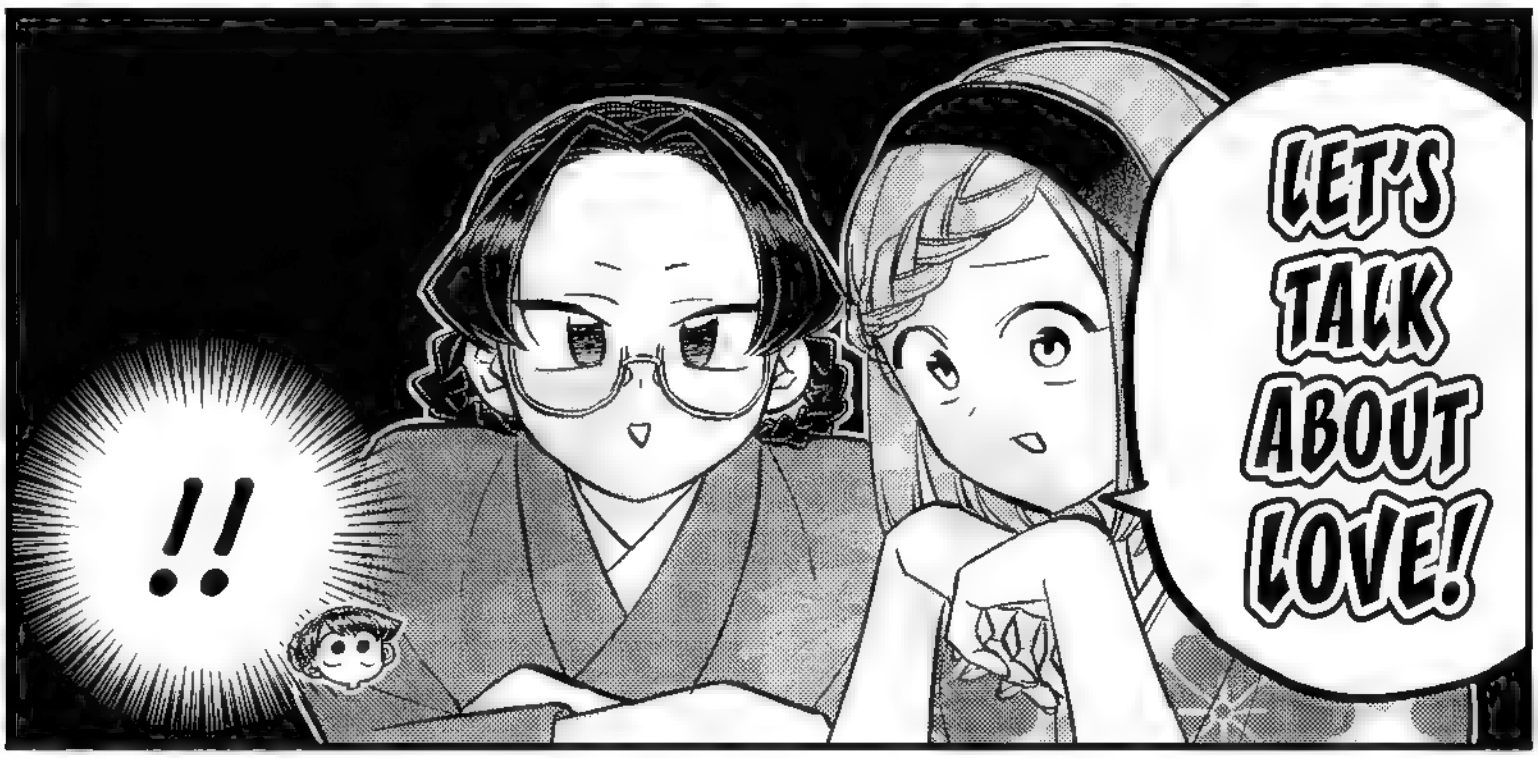
Stop that!!

Maiden name: Sewa

OW.

LIKE I SAID, IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL.
Hmph!
THERE'S NO CLUTTER!
YOUR ROOM IS SO TIDY, MIKUNI!


ANYWAY, ENOUGH ABOUT YOUR HOUSE...


!!
LET'S TALK ABOUT LOVE!

?!

ANY PROG-RESS?!

?!

?!

AND YOU'RE IN THE SAME CLASS AGAIN!

GIVE US THE LOWDOWN! YOU AND TADANO DID VALENTINE'S DAY AND WHITE DAY, RIGHT?!

...

...

SKRK SKRK SKRK

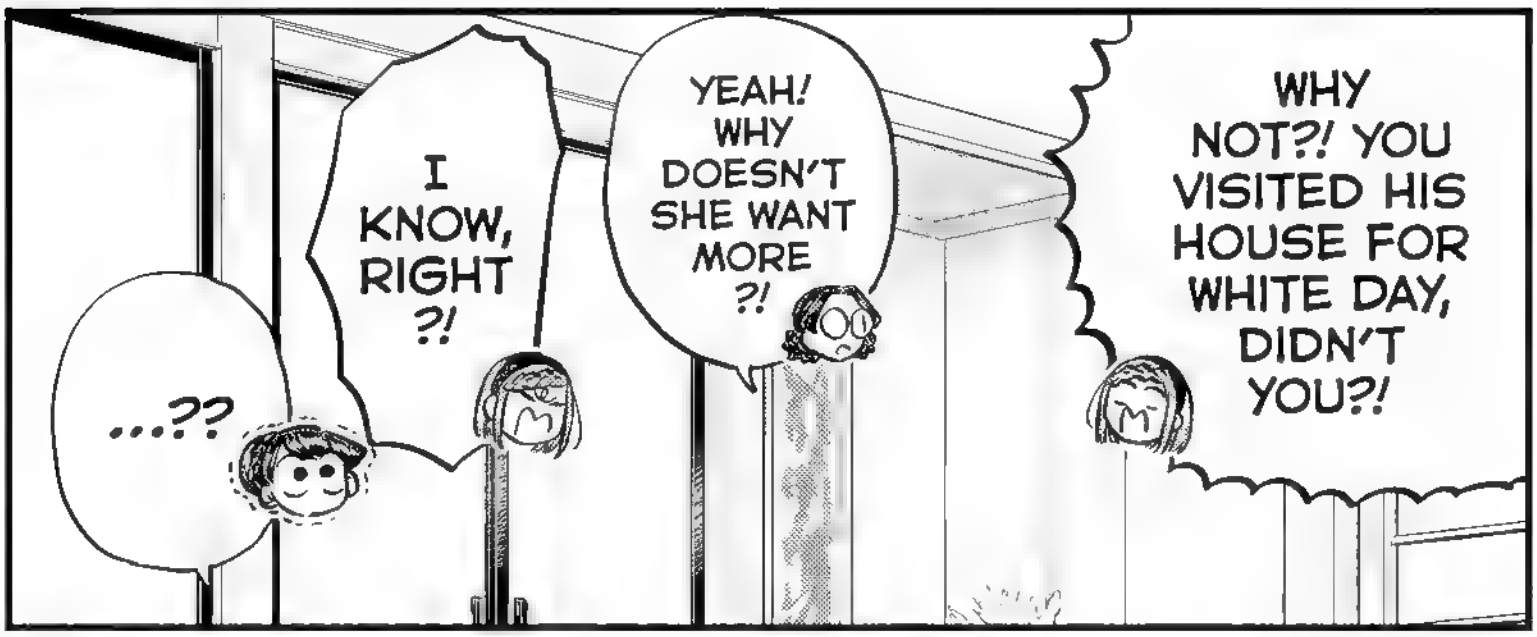
...

...

?!

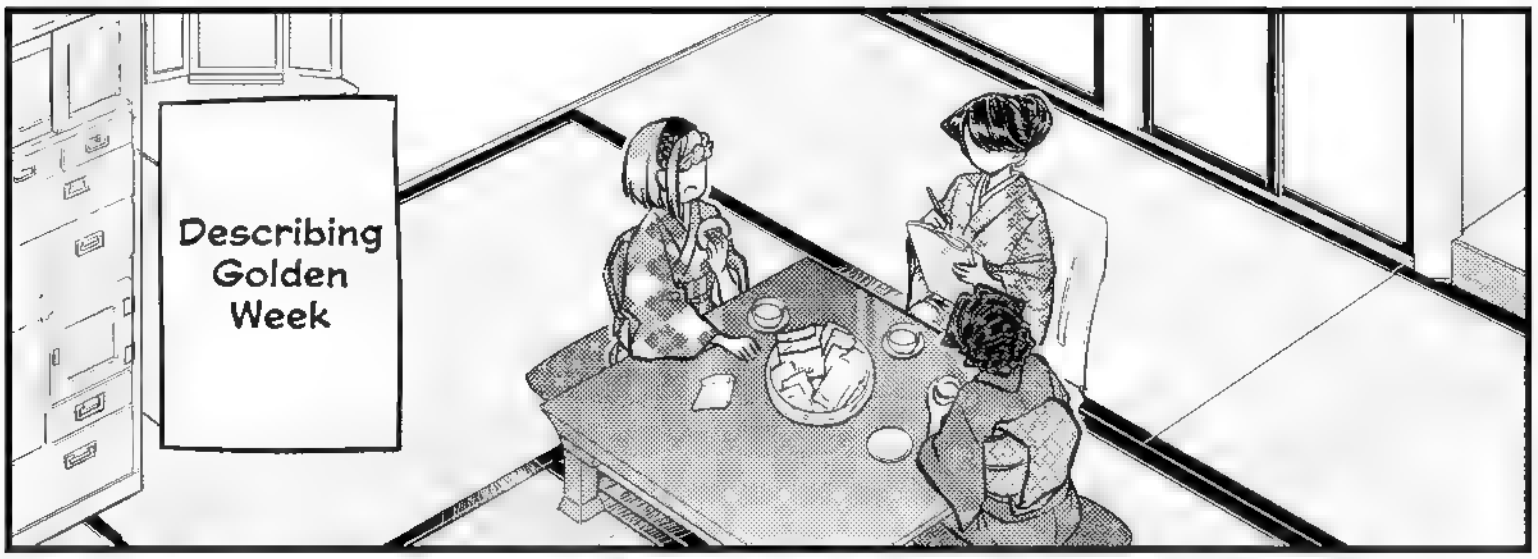
GYA RRR GH!

"Prog-ress? I don't think so."

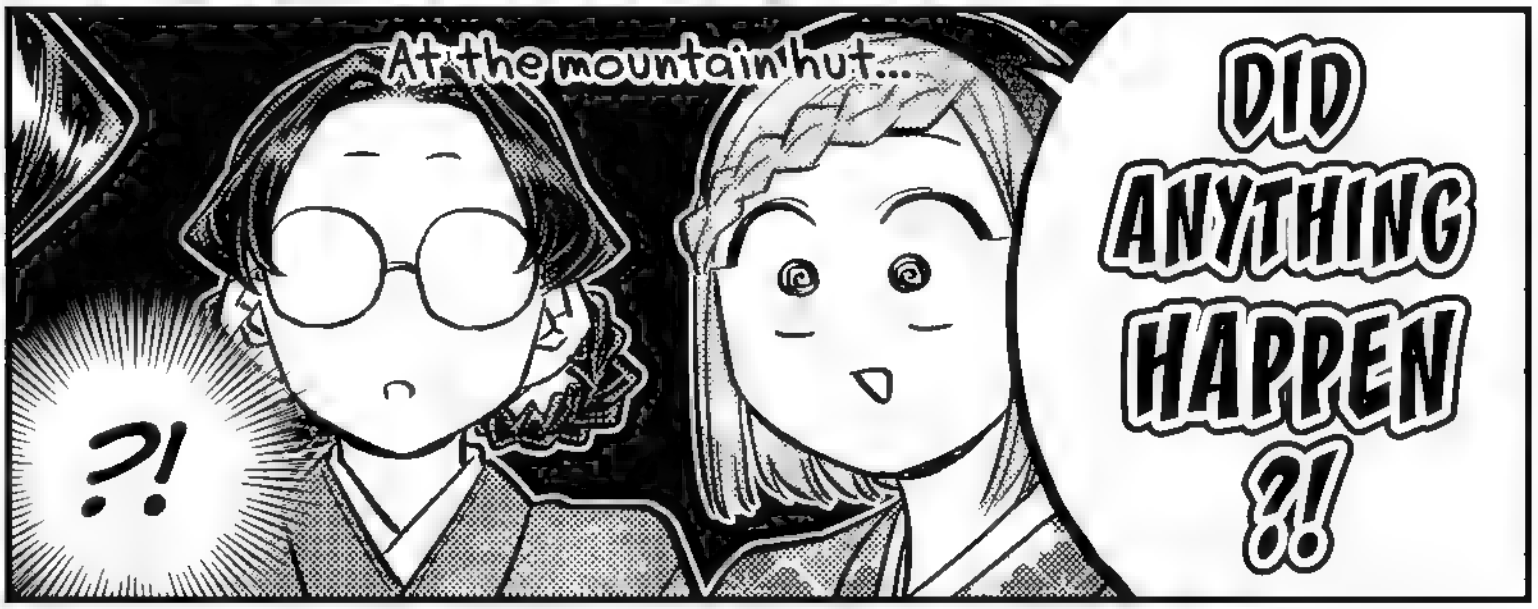

...??
I KNOW, RIGHT ?!
YEAH! WHY DOESN'T SHE WANT MORE ?!
WHY NOT?! YOU VISITED HIS HOUSE FOR WHITE DAY, DIDN'T YOU?!

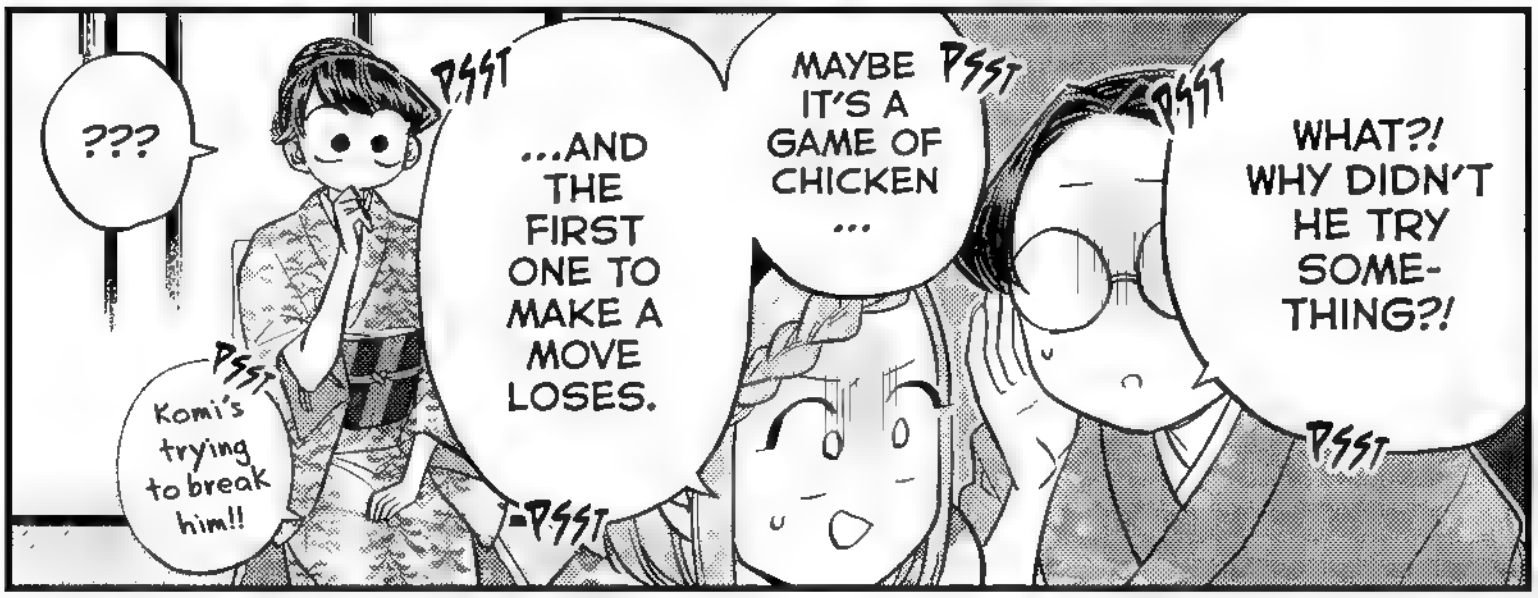
GASP

TELL US MORE.
?!
GASP
Actually, our families met while on vacation.


Describing Golden Week

At the mountain hut...
?!
DID ANYTHING HAPPEN?


At the mountain hut...
?!
DID ANYTHING HAPPEN?!


???
PSST
Komi's trying to break him!!
...AND THE FIRST ONE TO MAKE A MOVE LOSES.
MAYBE IT'S A GAME OF CHICKEN ...
WHAT?! WHY DIDN'T HE TRY SOME-THING?!

"What kind of progress did you mean?"

WELL, ARE YOU GONNA TELL HIM YOU LIKE HIM?

ARE YOU GONNA ASK HIM OUT?

What kind of progress did you mean?

...!

I...

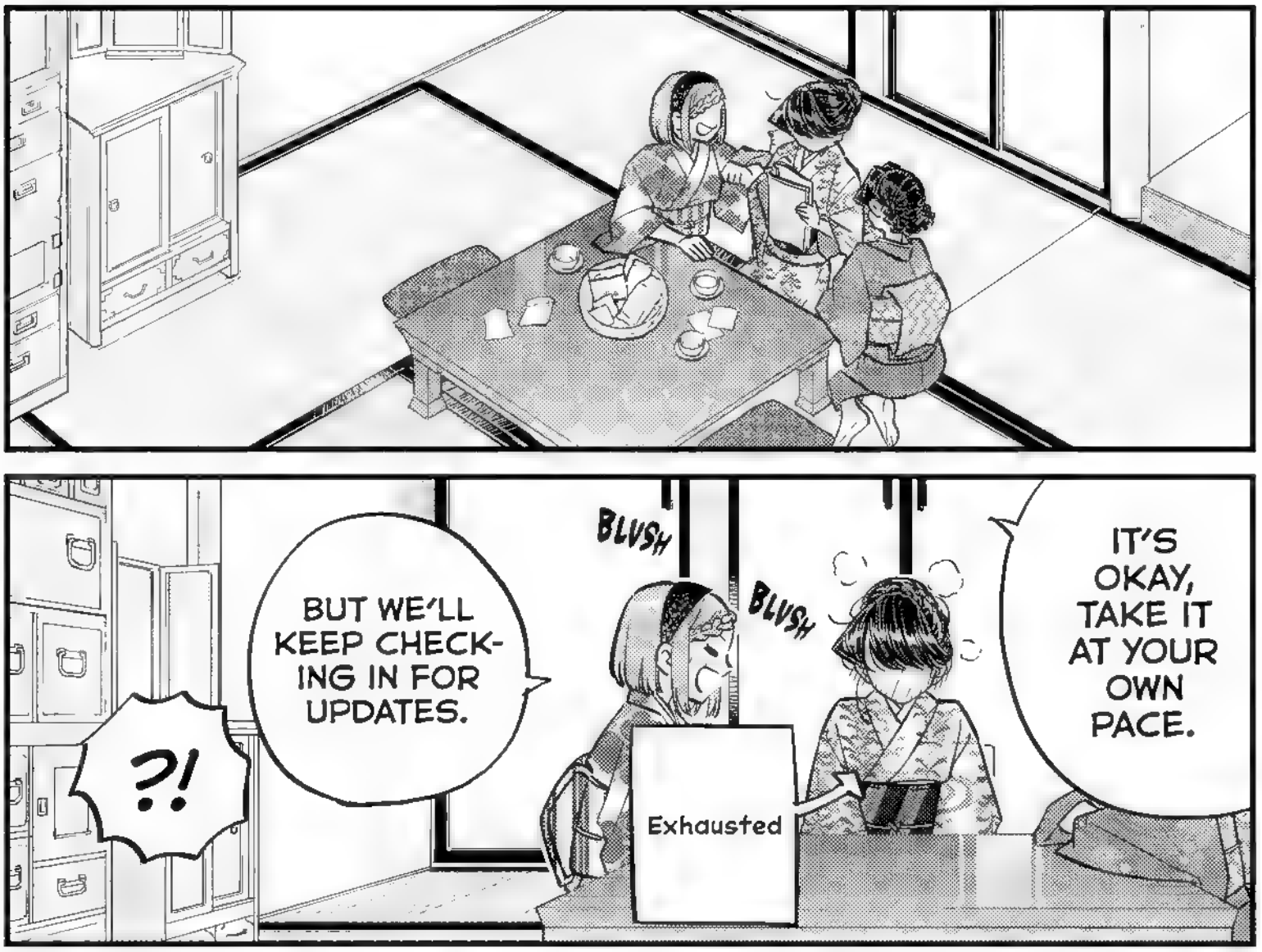
I...

...CAN'T DO THAT.

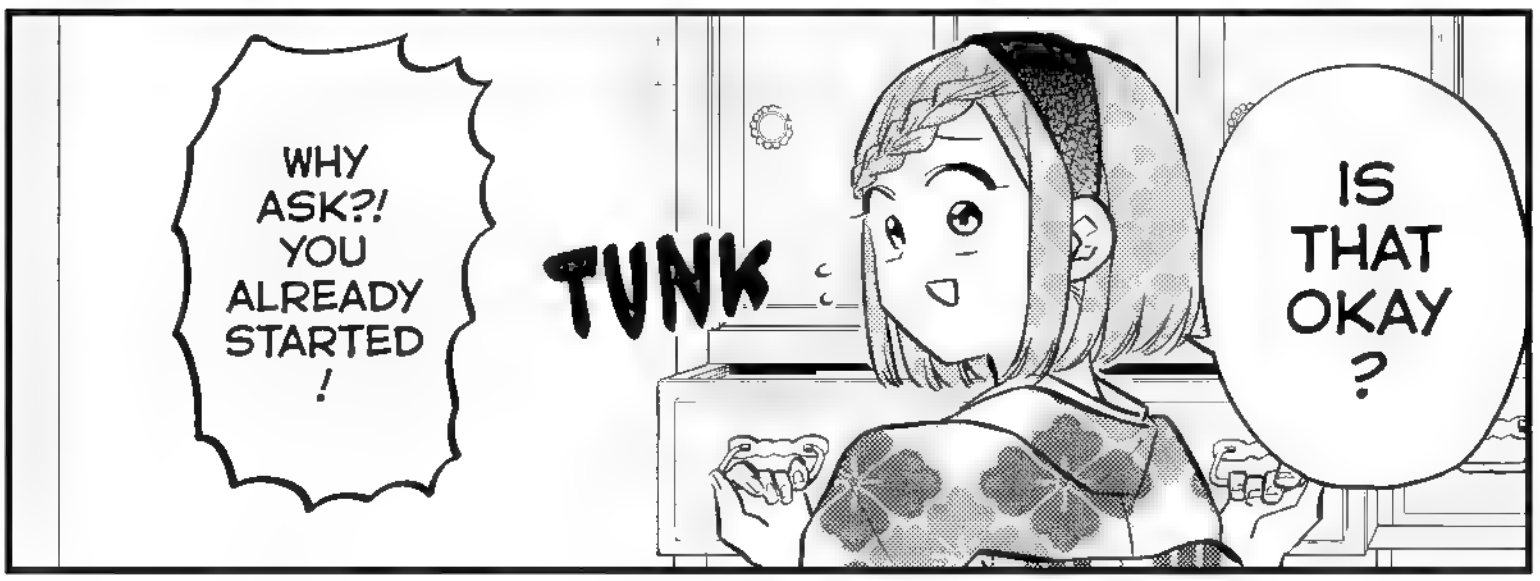
What

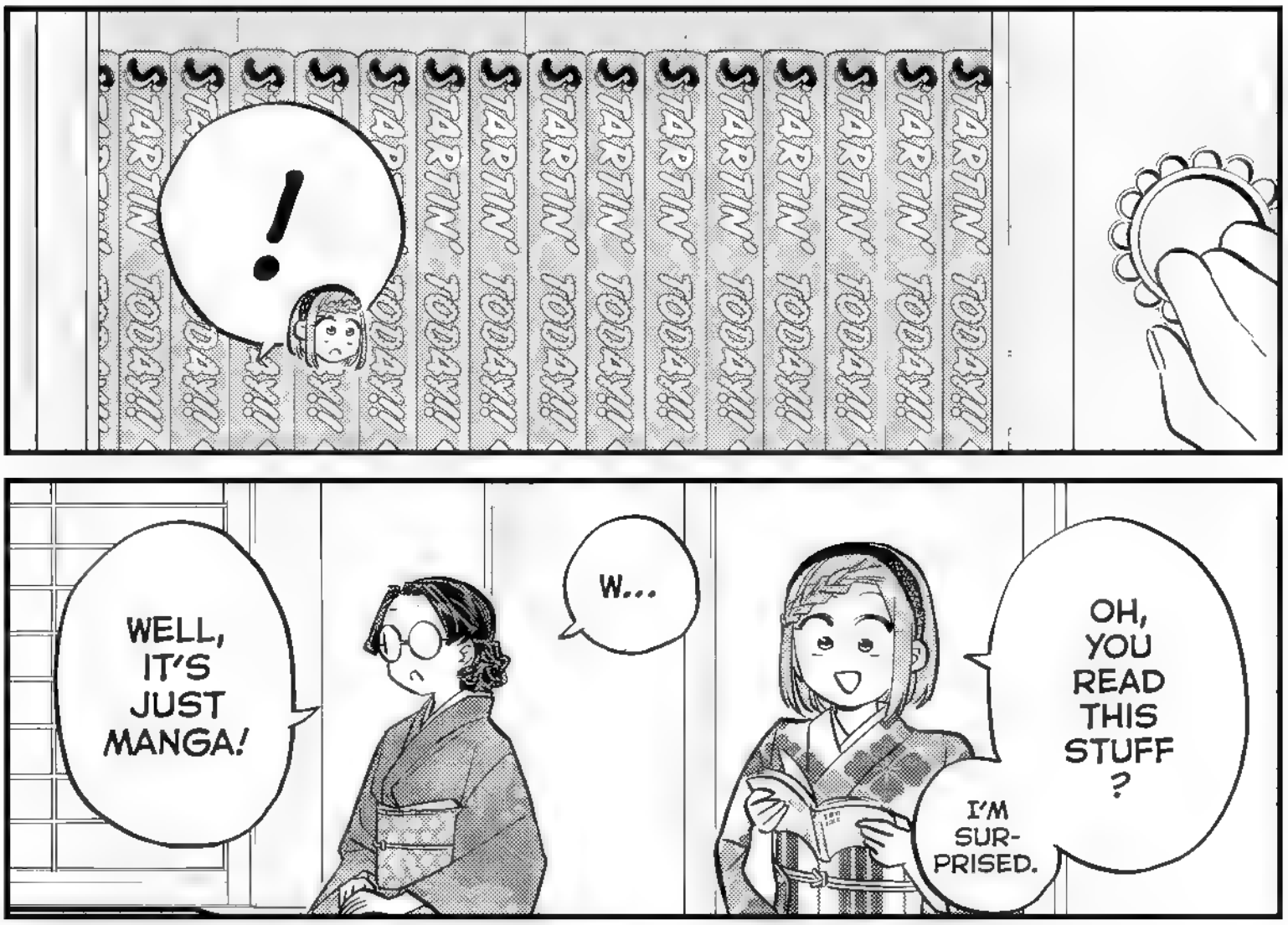
SHE'S GONNA MAKE US FALL FOR HER!

UH-OH...


BLUSH
BLUSH
?!
BUT WE'LL KEEP CHECK-ING IN FOR UPDATES.
Exhausted
IT'S OKAY, TAKE IT AT YOUR OWN PACE.

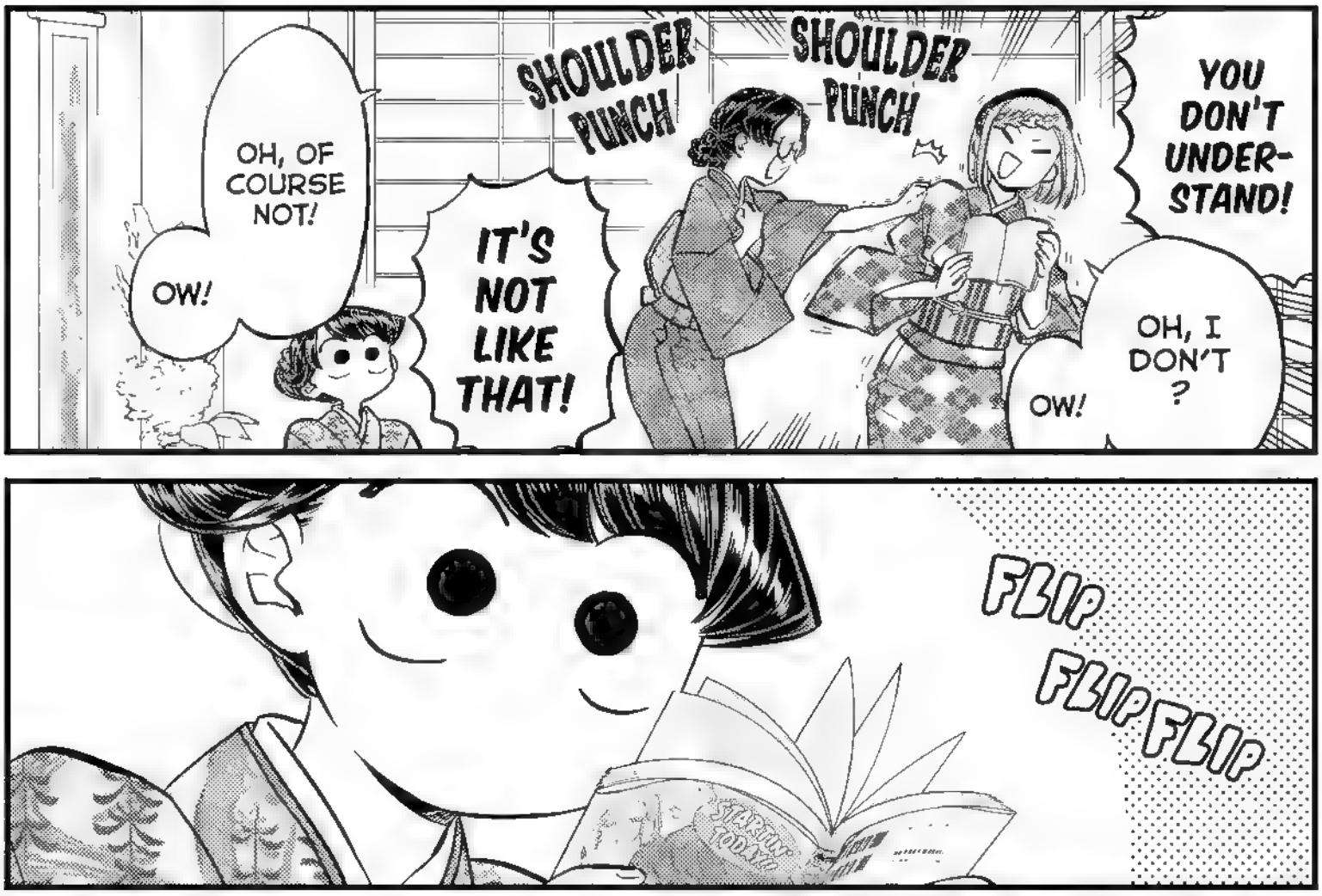
?!
NOW LET'S RUMMAGE AROUND MIKUNI'S ROOM!
GASP
WELL, THAT'S ALL DONE!


WHY ASK?! YOU ALREADY STARTED!
TUNK
IS THAT OKAY?


!
STARTIN' TODAY!
WELL, IT'S JUST MANGA!
W...
OH, YOU READ THIS STUFF?
I'M SUR-PRISED.

FLIP FLIP FLIP
STARTIN' TODAY!
YEAH, UH-HUH...

DON'T TEASE ME!
Looks like Katai
STARTIN' TODAY, BABE...
... YOU'RE MINE.
BABMP
...I CAN SEE THAT.



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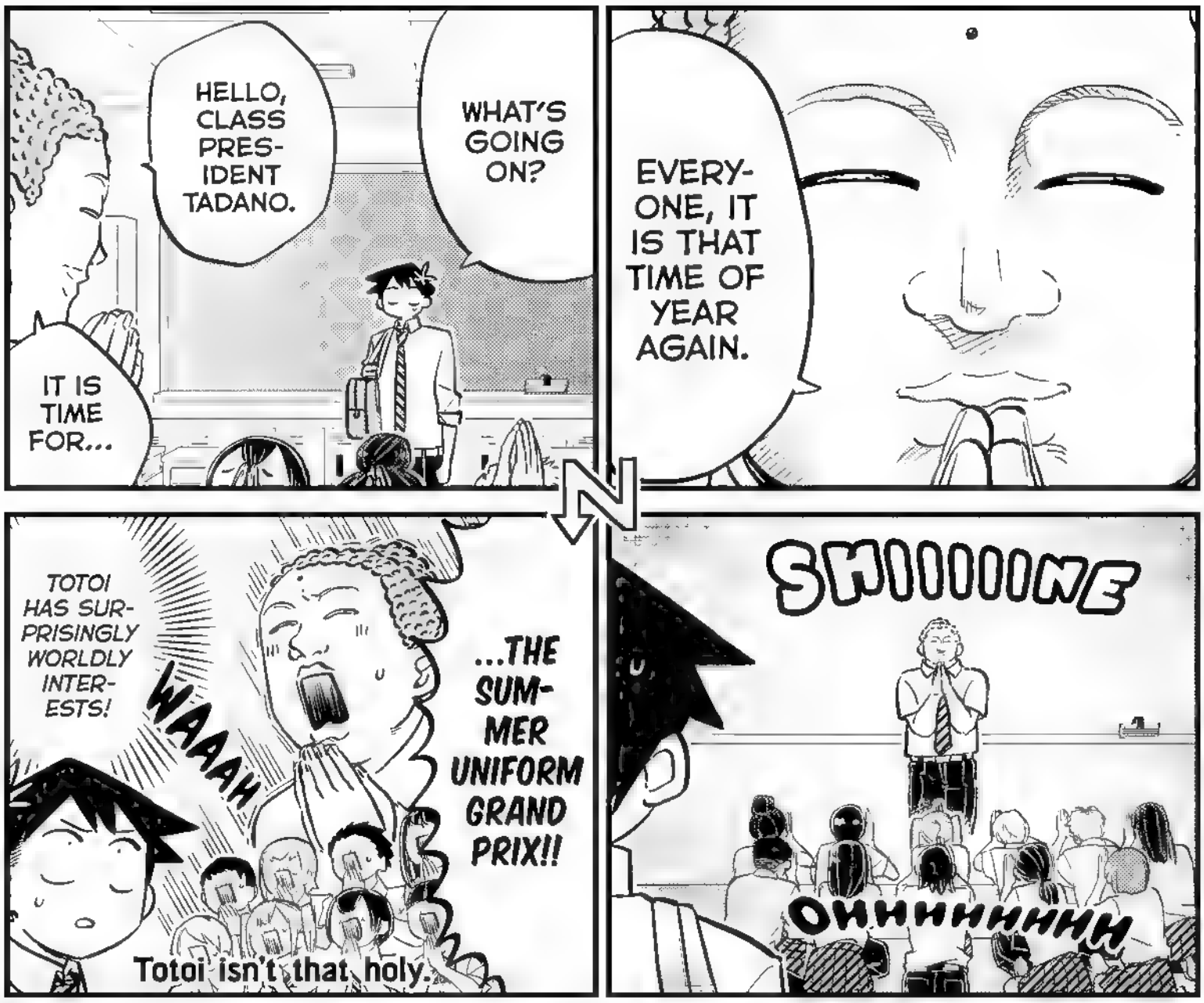


Communication 150: Summer Uniform Grand Prix?

I'LL DO MY BEST!

HI.

LET'S MEET THE JUDGES!

Natsu Fukusuki

Shuki Ohai

WHO WILL BE FIRST TO ARRIVE ?!

IT'S NAJIMI!

THE WHITE SHIRT AND BLACK KNEE-HIGH SOCKS...

...MAKE FOR A LOVELY BALANCE!

THE JUDGES ARE IMPRES-SED!

Najimi: 16 points

IT'S LIGHT AND REFRESH-ING. I LIKE IT!

CURVY ISN'T ALWAYS BETTER!

8

8

NEXT IS...

UH, WHAH?

HUH?! WHAH?!

...RUMIKO MANBAGI, THE BARE-FACED BEAUTY!

SHE HASN'T WORN A JACKET SINCE SPRING, BUT LOOK CLOSELY!

WINTER

SUMMER

WHAT'S HER SCORE?!

BIG IS GOOD.

10

REVEALING HER ARMS CREATES AN APPEALING EFFECT!

9

Rumiko: 19 points

MAN-BAGI SEIZES THE LEAD!

What ?!

JUST LIKE NAJIMI, HE'S POSING EVEN THOUGH NO ONE TOLD HIM ABOUT THE GRAND PRIX!!
HIS SHIRT ISN'T BUTTONED AT ALL!
NOW FOR NARUSE!

THAT'S HARSH! DON'T THEY LIKE THE BOYS' UNIFORM?
N
?!
Naruse: 5 points
1
HE DEFIES GOOD TASTE.
4
THERE'S NOTHING THERE FOR ME.
WHAT'S NARUSE'S SCORE?!

MAYBE WE SHOULD STOP!!
WILL KATAI'S DELINQUENT VIBE KILL THE MOOD?!
BUT HERE COMES TROUBLE!

THE SHOW GOES ON! KATAI SCORES HIGH!!
N
?!
Katai: 18 points
10
INDEED, I'M IM-PRESSED.
8
HE'S GOT GOOD PECS.

AND NOW IN WALKS ...

?!

... KOMIIIII!

... REVEALS PURE WHITE ARMS!

AND HER PURE WHITE SHIRT...

HER LONG HAIR DOESN'T LOOK STIFLING!

BUT... ...WHAT'S THIS I NOTICE?!

YET HER DARK TIGHTS LEND A STRIKING CONTRAST!

BUT NOT BEFORE EACH AWARDING 100 MILLION POINTS!!
110 MILLION
110 MILLION
UH-OH! THEY'VE FAINTED!
Komi won the second-year Grand Prix with 200 million points.
YAAAY
KOMI SEIZES THE THRONE !!

Communication 150 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate

Communication 151: Sweat

UGH. I HATE SUMMER...

...AND I HATE ...

...THE SUMMER UNI-FORM!

AND I HATE THAT I SWEAT SO MUCH!

I WEAR THE VEST TO HIDE THE SWEAT STAINS, WHICH MAKES ME SWEAT EVEN MORE!

BUT IF I TAKE IT OFF, EVERY-ONE WILL SEE!!

THIS IS AWFUL!

NO BOY LIKES A SWEATY GIRL!

WHOOPS !!

?!

JOLT

...BUT THE EFFORT MADE ME SWEAT MORE!

She avoided me...

I AVOIDED TOUCHING THEM WITH MY DAMP BODY...

AT LEAST THE CLASSROOM HAS AIR-CONDI-TIONING...

HOT AIR ?!

HE AT

MANBAGI SEIZES THE LEAD!

WOOHOO

WOOHOO

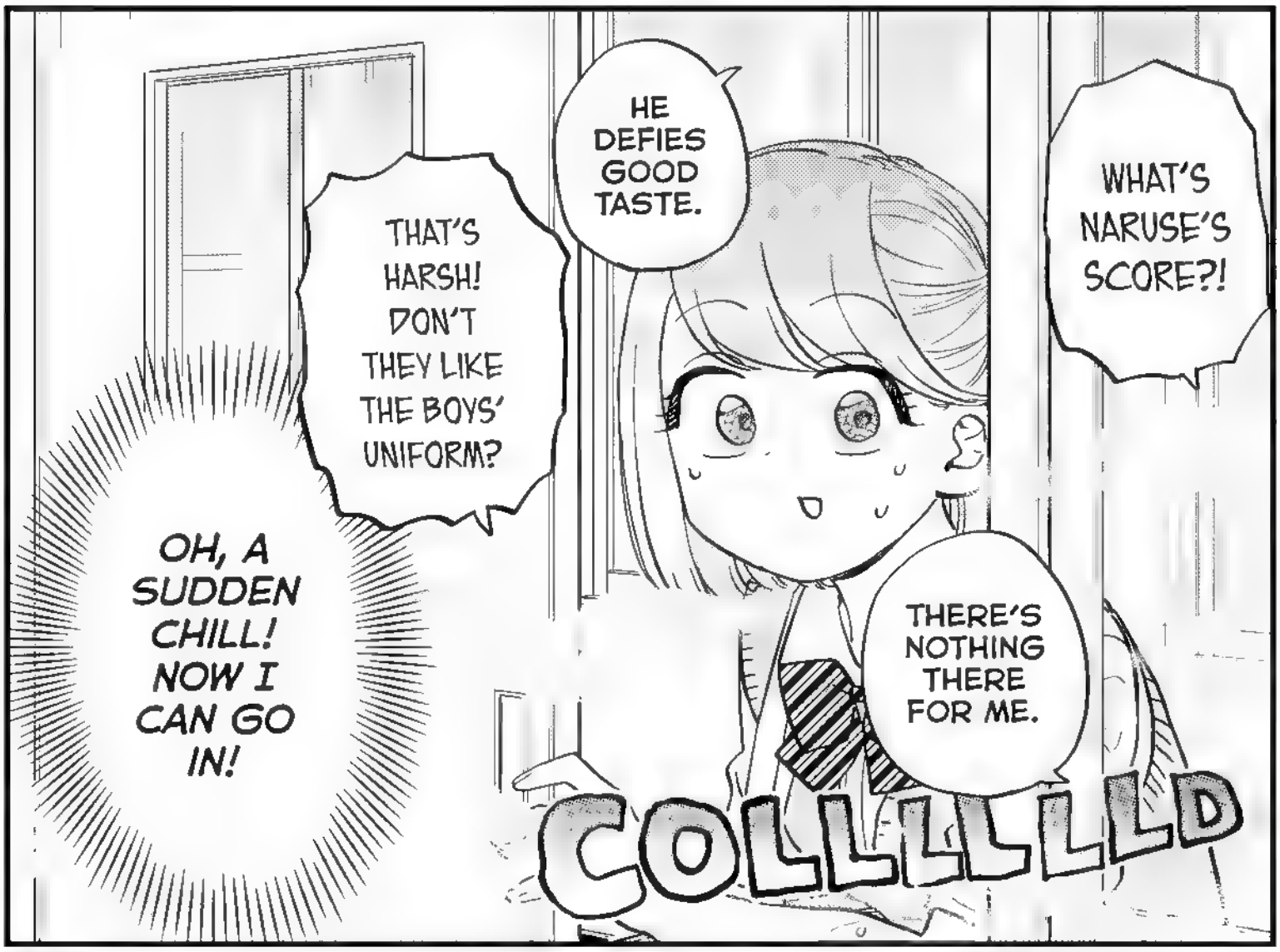
BIG IS GOOD.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE?!

IT'S TOO HOT! I CAN'T BEAR TO GO IN!

Huh?! Whah ?!

REVEALING HER ARMS CREATES AN APPEALING EFFECT!


OH, A SUDDEN CHILL! NOW I CAN GO IN!
THAT'S HARSH! DON'T THEY LIKE THE BOYS' UNIFORM?
HE DEFIES GOOD TASTE.
THERE'S NOTHING THERE FOR ME.
WHAT'S NARUSE'S SCORE?!
COLLLLLLD

YAAY
NO, NEVERR RRR!!
ANOTHER BLAST OF HEAT!!
SWEAT
SWEAT
MAYBE WE SHOULD STOP!!
WILL KATAI'S DELINQUENT VIBE KILL THE MOOD?!
INDEED, I'M IMPRES-SED.
HE'S GOT GOOD PECS.
BWAAAH

HE EEEEAAAWAT

I'LL TAKE MY ANTI-PERSPI-RATION GEAR.

I G-GOTTA EVACUATE TO THE REST-ROOM.

Good morn-ing, Ase!

SQUELCH

I HOPE I'M NOT SMELLY...

SNIFF

SQUELCH?

Th-that's cold!!

May cause frostbite. Do not try at home.

SP

What the?!

OSH

Deodor-ant spray

Yee eeeee aaaa rrrgg ghhh !!!!

???

Y-YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND !!

CLIK

CLIK

I GOTTA DO SOME-THING ABOUT THIS SWEAT!

PSHOO

SWEAT

I USED IT ALL ON NAJIMI !!

SWEAT SWEAT

AND I FORGOT MY SWEAT WIPES!

HOW COULD I DO THAT?!

WAAAH!

WAAA-AAH!!

DRIP

AT THIS RATE, THE HANDOUTS I PASS BACK WILL BE SOGGY!

NOW WHAT?! STRIP DOWN AND DRY MY CLOTHES?! BUT THEN I'LL SMELL LIKE DRY SWEAT!

!

NOD

WHAT A WEIRD CONTEST, HUH?

...

!

LIAR! YOU'RE BARELY SWEATING AT ALL!

!

NOD

IT'S SO HOT TODAY!

I'M SUPER SWEATY!

...

SWEAT

SWEAT

SWEAT

MUTTER

MUTTER

MUTTER

Just now noticed them

!!

WANNA USE THIS?

N-NO, I COULDN'T!

UM ...

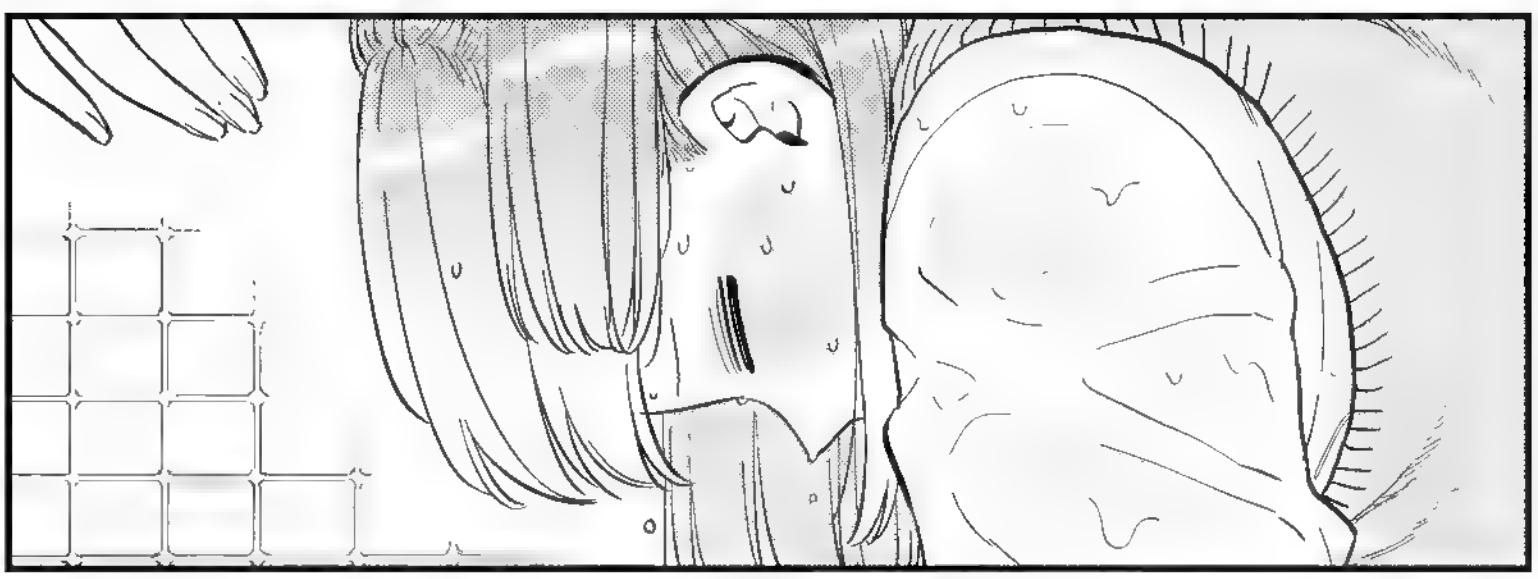
HUH?! MANBAGI ?!

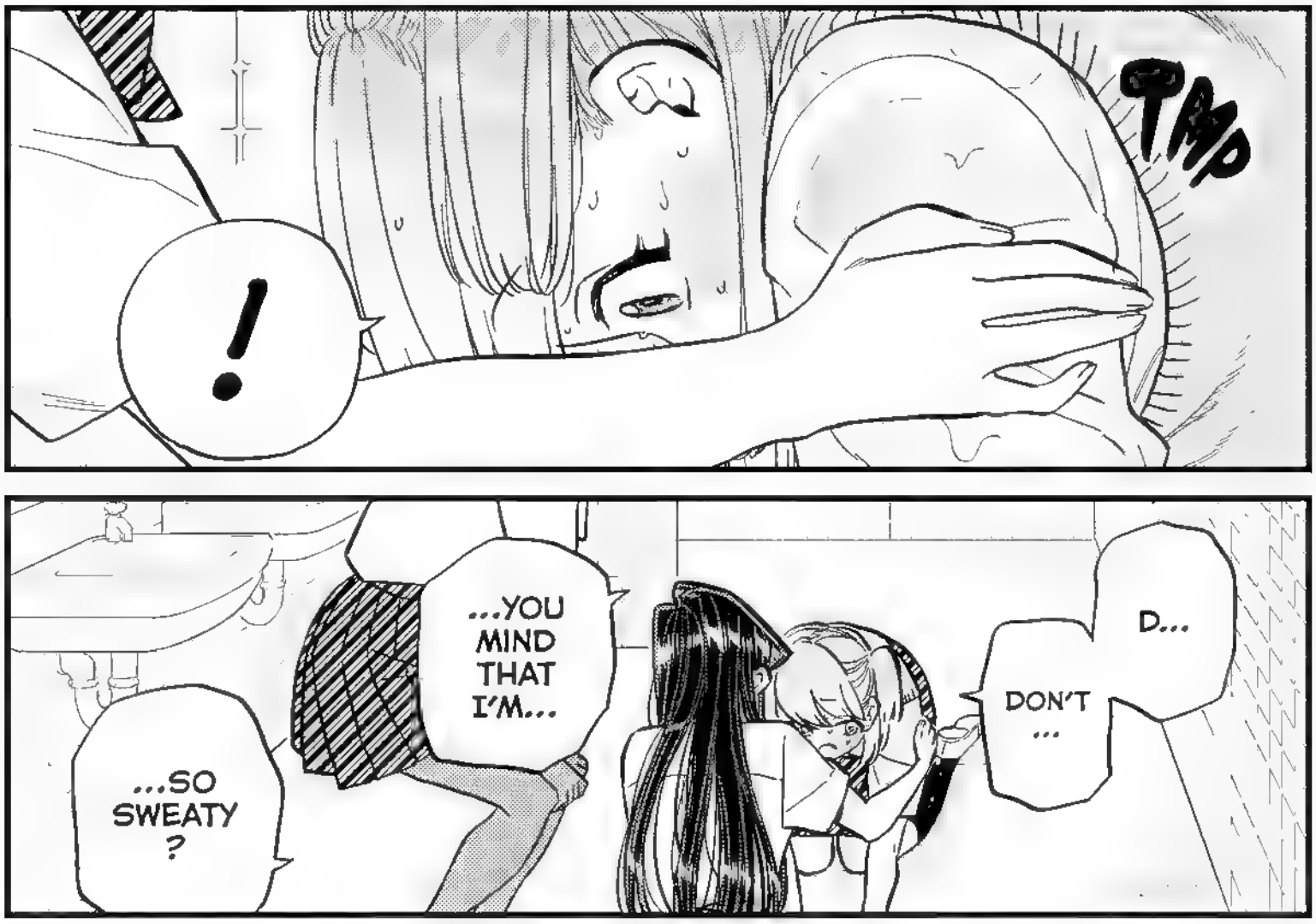
SQUELCH

TH-THANKS, THOUGH!

KOMIIIII
?!
K...

SORRR-
RRRRY!
LIKE,
REALLY,
REALLY
SORRY!
?!
DEEP BOW
I'M SO
SORRY!
GYA
AAA
AH!

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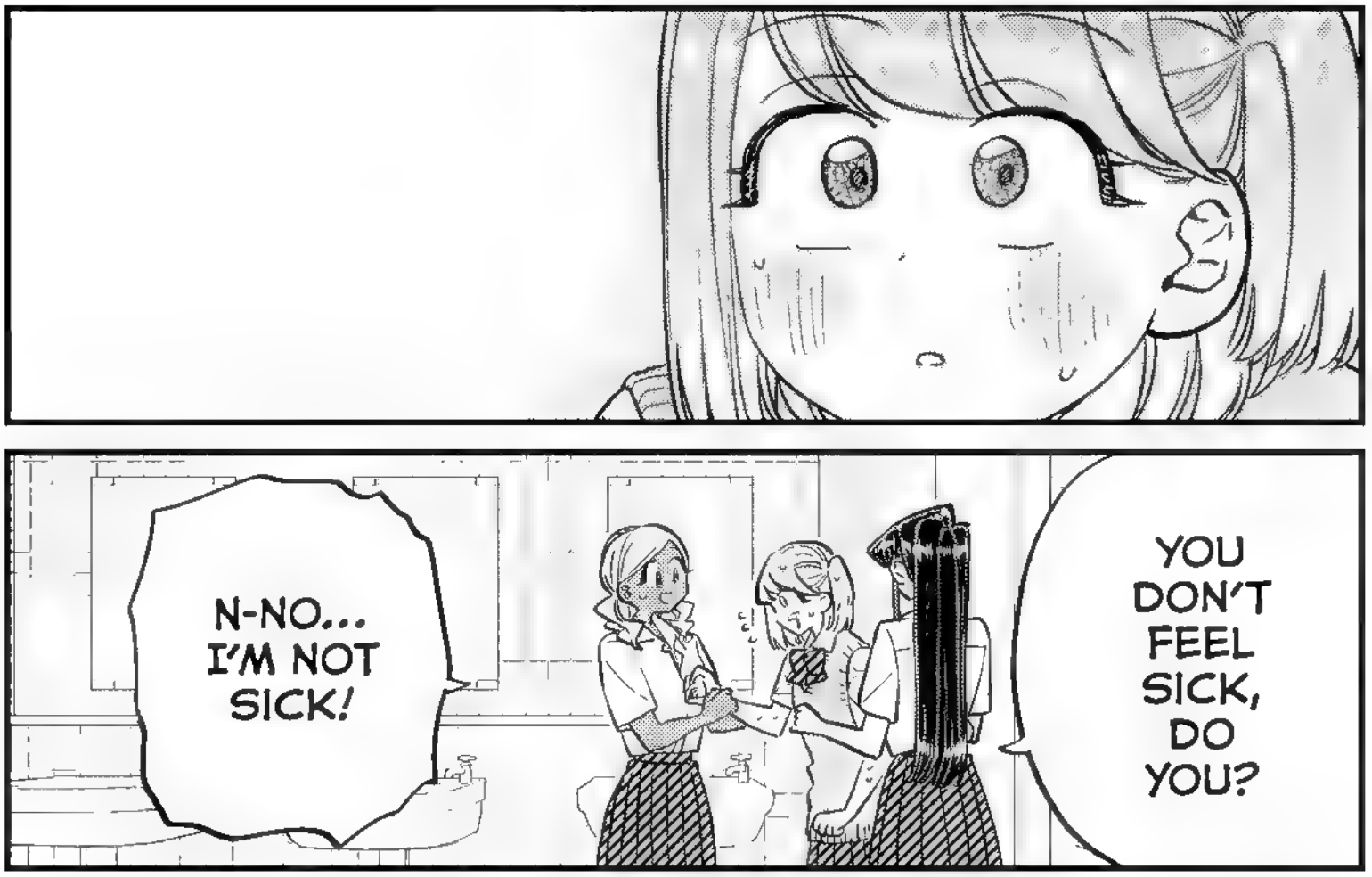
...SO SWEATY ?
...YOU MIND THAT I'M...
D... DON'T ...

NAH, EVERY-BODY SWEATS!
NOD


N-NO... I'M NOT SICK!
YOU DON'T FEEL SICK, DO YOU?
USE AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.
THEN TRY THIS.

THANK YOU.

...

TH...

Komi became friends with Ase.

Like heaven !!

SPSHOOOOOOOOOOOT

ISN'T THAT A BIT MUCH ?

Don't try this at home.

SPSHOO

That feels great!

Communication 151 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate

Let's play Word Wolf!!
Hey, you guys!
DON'T YOU KNOW?!
...
TADANO ?!
WORD WOLF? WHAT'S THAT?
It's simple but intense !!
The players talk to each other, and if the multiple players guess who the solo player is, they win!
But if they don't, then the solo player wins!
Straw-berry
Straw-berry
Straw-berry
Pick-led Plum
Words
Is it sweet ?
It's red.
It's good with rice.
Yes.
Oh, that's different from mine!!
Pick-led plum
Straw-berry
Straw-berry
There are three or more players. Everyone gets a word, and everyone has the same word except one person.
Here are the rules!
HUH? ME?
TADANO, PICK TWO WORDS AND WHISPER THEM TO EVERY-ONE!!
LET'S GIVE IT A TRY!

Communication 152: Wolf

Pool (multiple)

Sea (solo)

LET ME SEE...

OKAY, GOT IT!

Word: Pool

THIS MAKES ME JITTERY!

She smells good!!

...

Word: Sea

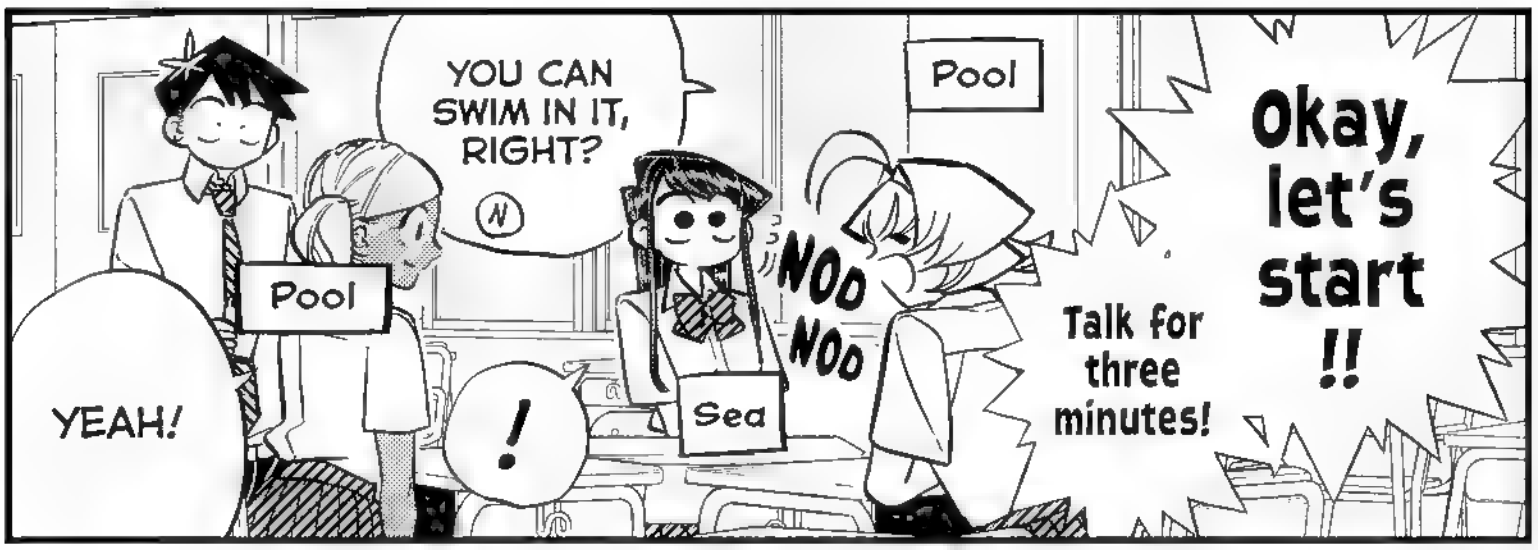
S- SORRY ...

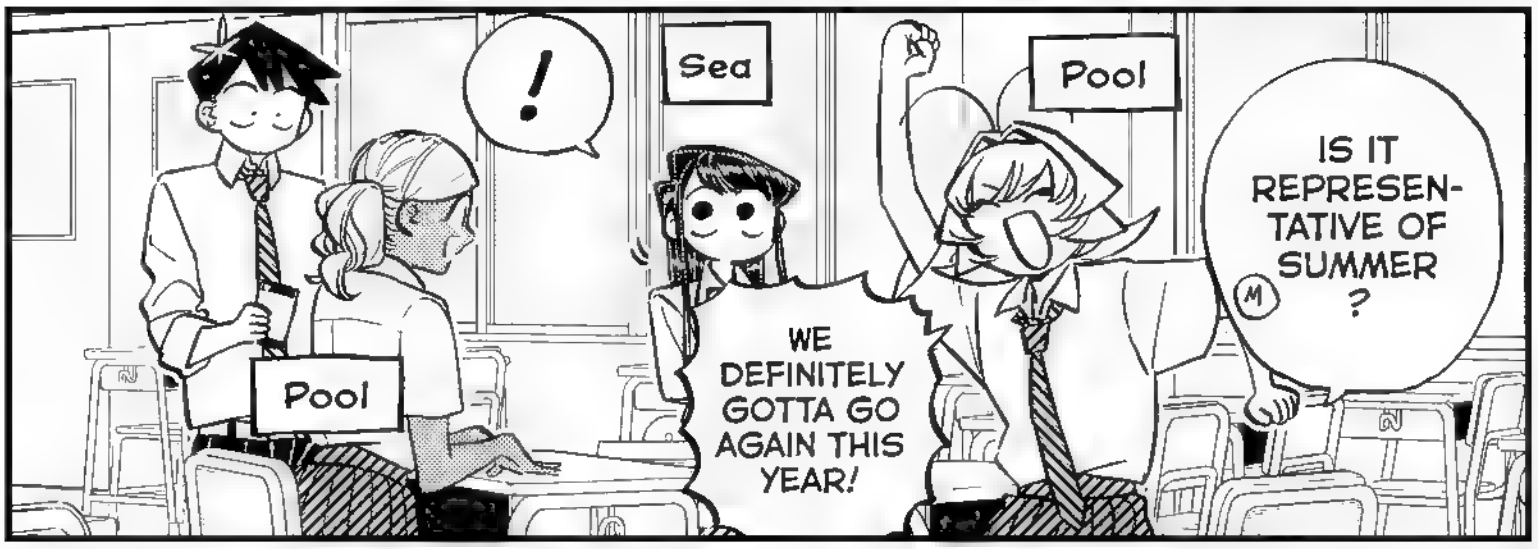
DON'T BREATHE ON ME!!

HEY, DON'T GET SO CLOSE!

FWUP

Word: Pool


YOU CAN SWIM IN IT, RIGHT?
N
Pool
YEAH!
Pool
!
Sea
NOO NOO
Talk for three minutes!
Okay, let's start !!


Pool
!
Sea
WE DEFINITELY GOTTA GO AGAIN THIS YEAR!
Pool
IS IT REPRESEN-TATIVE OF SUMMER ?
M

HM?
Sea
Pool
UM, HOW BIG IS IT?
UH, MINE SORT OF IS, BUT...
Pool
Very b.g.
"Very big."

Komi's side loses.
HUH?
Sea
Is it salty?
?!
K
Pro tip! Don't ask anything that gives away your word!

THIS TIME, I'LL CHOOSE THE WORDS!!

AH HA HA! LET'S PLAY AGAIN!

HMPH HMPH

"Okay, I understand now."

Okay, I understand now.

!!

Word: Kiss

HUUUH?

Word: Kiss

Najimi licked Tadano's ear.

SHLUP

?!

OKAY–

Word: lap pillow

Kiss

Kiss

YEAH. THAT'S RIGHT.

!

Lap pillow

IT'S SOME-THING YOU DO, RIGHT?

ALL RIGHT, START TALKING !!

Kiss

YEAH, BASI-CALLY.

"Yes, I think so."

Lap pillow

Kiss

Kiss

GRIN GRIN

HMM...

AND COUPLES DO IT?

HUH ?!

Ⓜ

Ⓚ

?!

Lap pillow

DO YOU WANT TO *DO IT* OR *HAVE IT DONE* TO YOU?

MANBAGI, YOU'RE BLUSH-ING...

MAYBE THEY HAVE THE SAME WORD.

UH, YEAH! TH-THAT'S RIGHT !!

Lap pillow

"... to me."

I want someone to do it to me.

Kiss

Kiss

"I want some-one..."

"...to do it..."

Kiss

BEING A LAP PILLOW ISN'T THAT EMBAR-RASSING.

W-WHY WOULD I HAVE ?!

No

"No."

Kiss

Lap pillow

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN IT IN REAL LIFE?

Not on TV.

THIS IS SO EMBAR-RASSING ...

ME?

Kiss

K !!

TADANO, HAVE YOU EVER DONE YOUR WORD?

HE ISN'T EMBAR-RASSED AT ALL!!

Lap pillow

NO, I HAVEN'T.

Najimi jumps in!

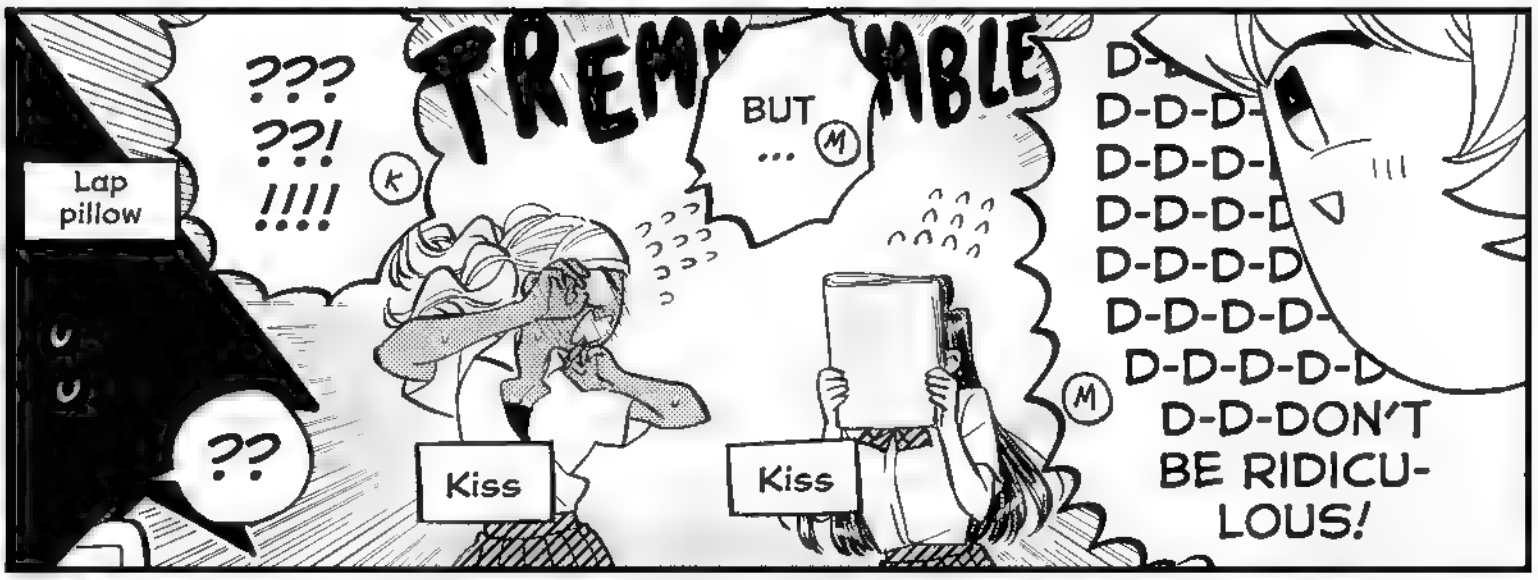
...to you?

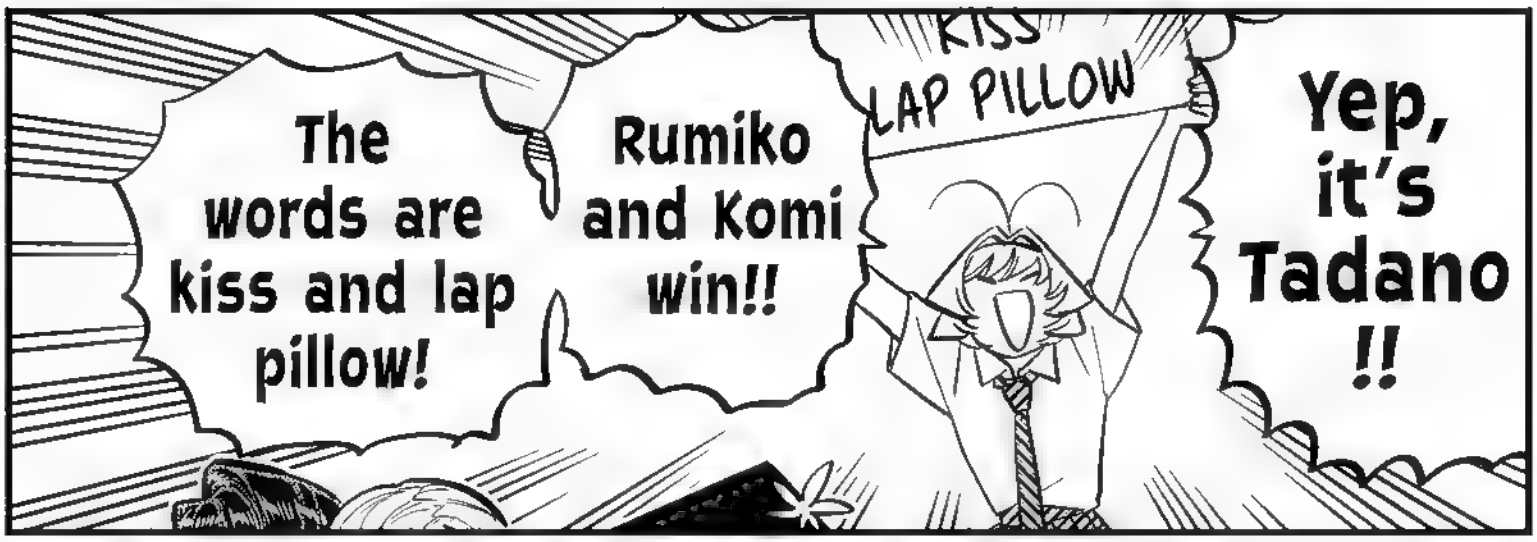
?!

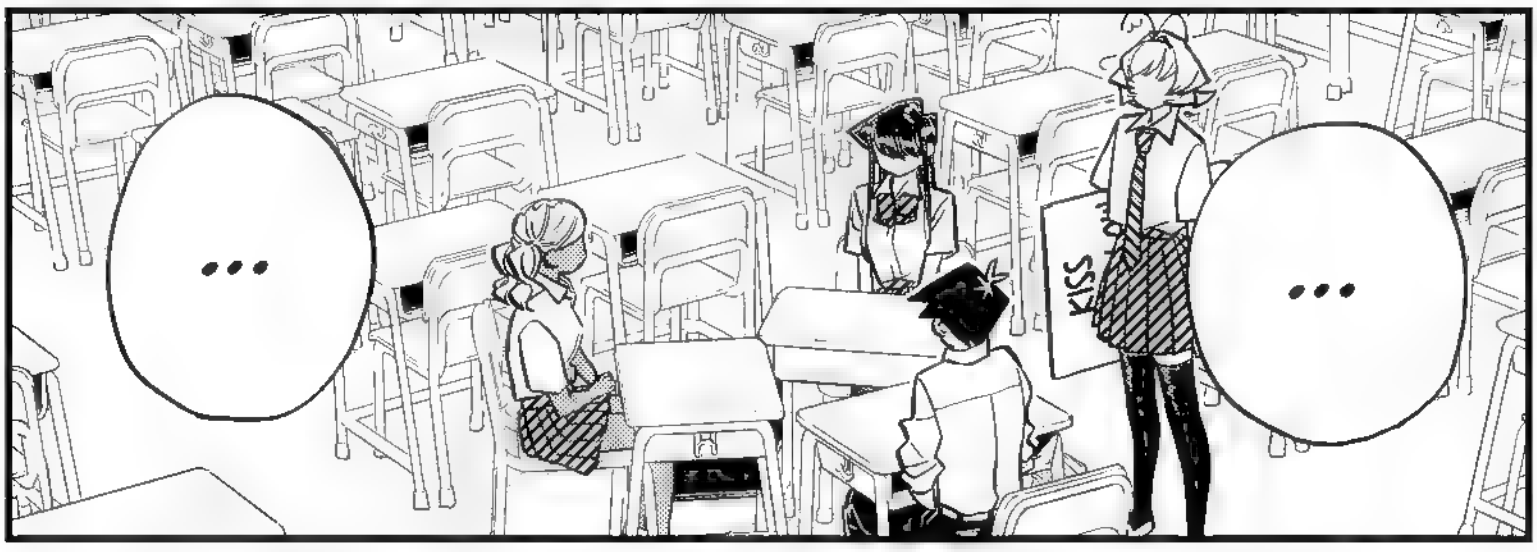
Kiss

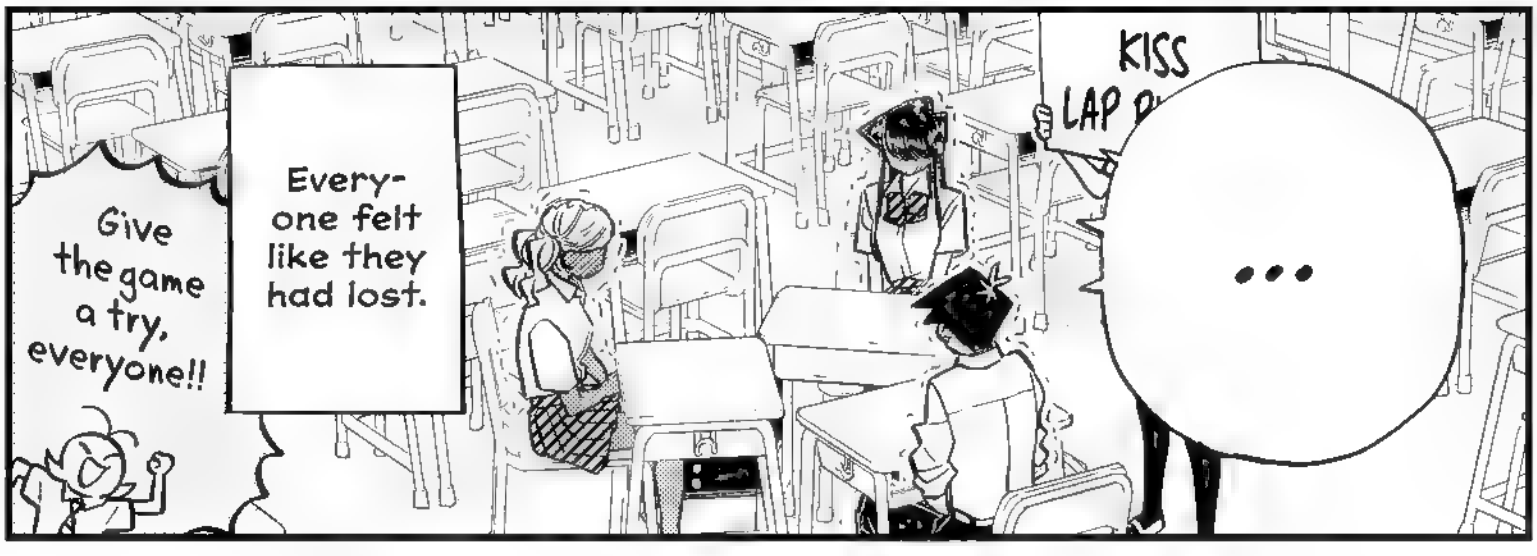
Lap pillow

Do either of you want Tadano to do your word...


Lap pillow
??? ??! !!!!
??
TREM MBLE
BUT ...
Kiss
Kiss
D-D-D-







Communication 152 — The End

Q. What did you start to say?
KISS
KISS
D-
don't
...
...be
stupid!
Of
course I
wouldn't
want
that!!
Q. Why won't either of you look at us?
Q. Huh? Huh?

Komi Can't Communicate

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I KNOW, BUT...
YOU'VE BEEN DOING THAT FOR AN HOUR!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR BANGS!
SHUT UP, YOU TWO!
AND YOU WON'T DIE IF HE SAYS NO.
YOUR BANGS WON'T MAKE HIM SAY YES.

Communication 153: Mom and Dad Confess Their Feelings

OH MY...

I can do this!

Okay here goes

Flower arrangement

OH MY...

HOW BEAUTI-FUL!!

I DON'T GET HER.

ME NEI-THER.

BABABUMP

NOD

Masayoshi Komi (18)

Y-YOU WAITED FOR ME, RIGHT?

THIS IS NO TIME FOR GAWKING!

...I HAVE SOME-THING TO SAY.

UM ... ...I ASKED YOU TO WAIT BECAUSE ...

...

...

I- I...

...

BLUSH

I CAN'T DO IT!!!

I CAAA-AAN'T !!

S-SEE YA!!

WHOOSH

NEVER MIND! IT'S NOTHING !!

NOD

YOU WANT TO WALK HOME TOGETHER ?

HM?

Y-YES ?

CLASP

!!

Are those two following us?

... today's high temperature...

... delays on the Hokuriku Expressway...

BOP ♪ BABOP BABOP ♪ BOOM SHAKKA

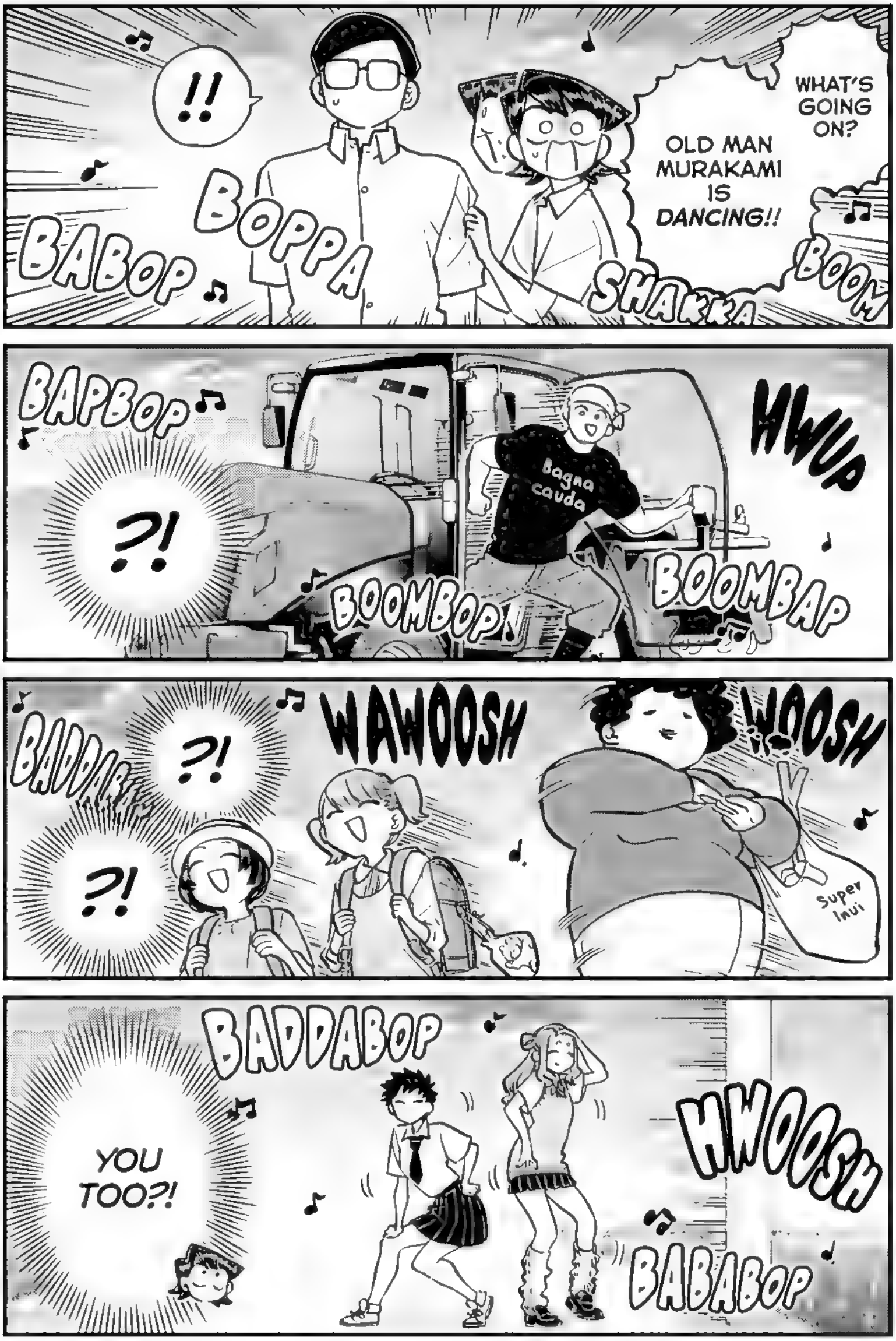
?!

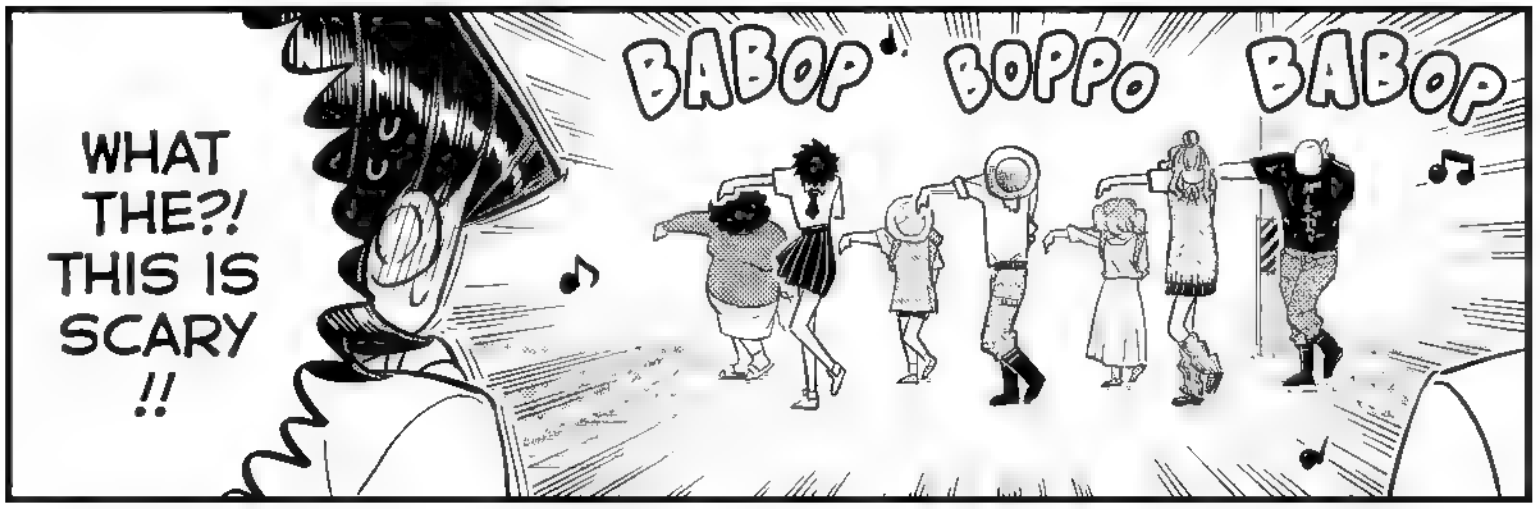
CLIK

Now for the national –

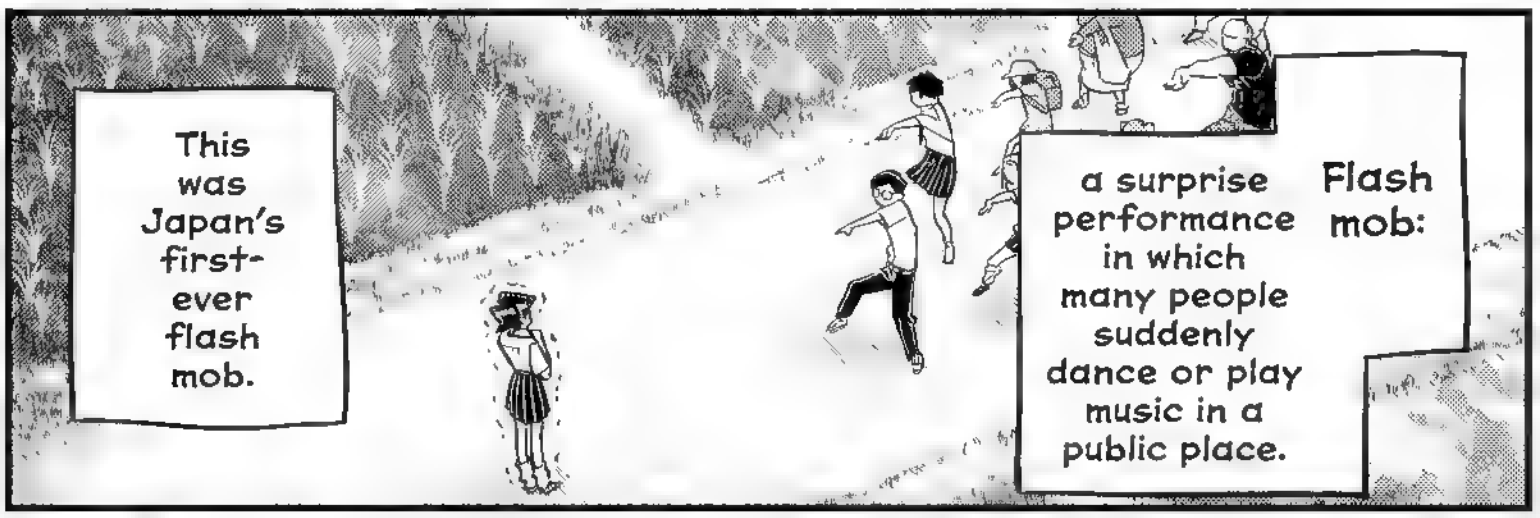
?!

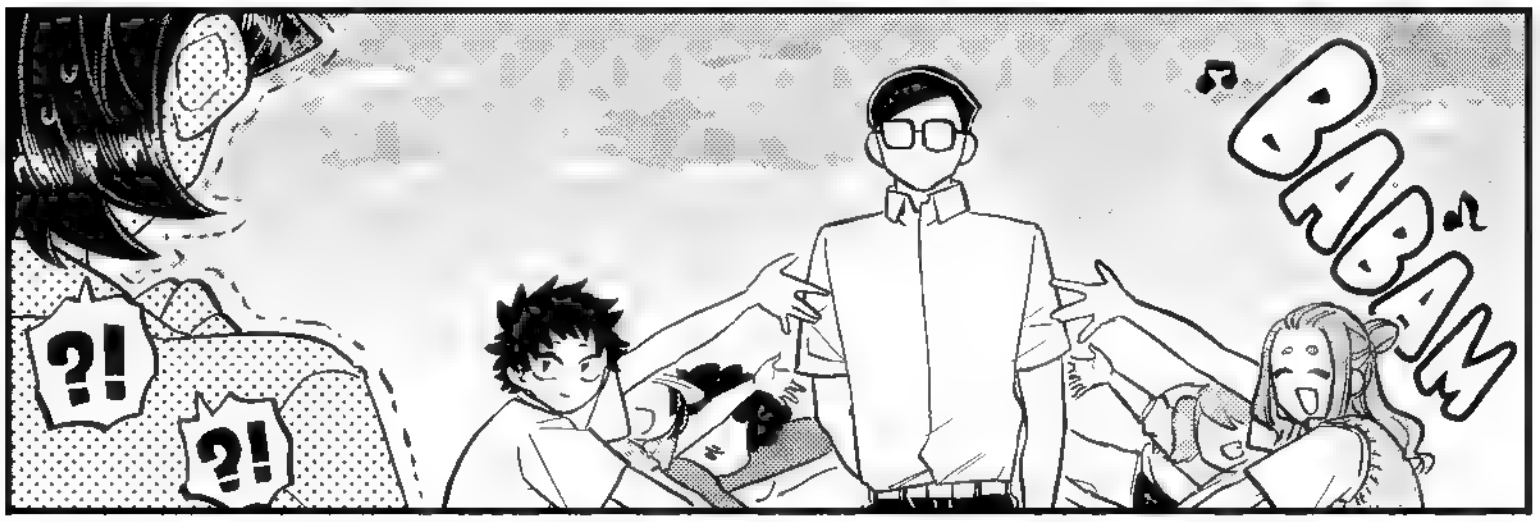
SHAKKA BOOM ♪ BOOM BAP BABOP ♪

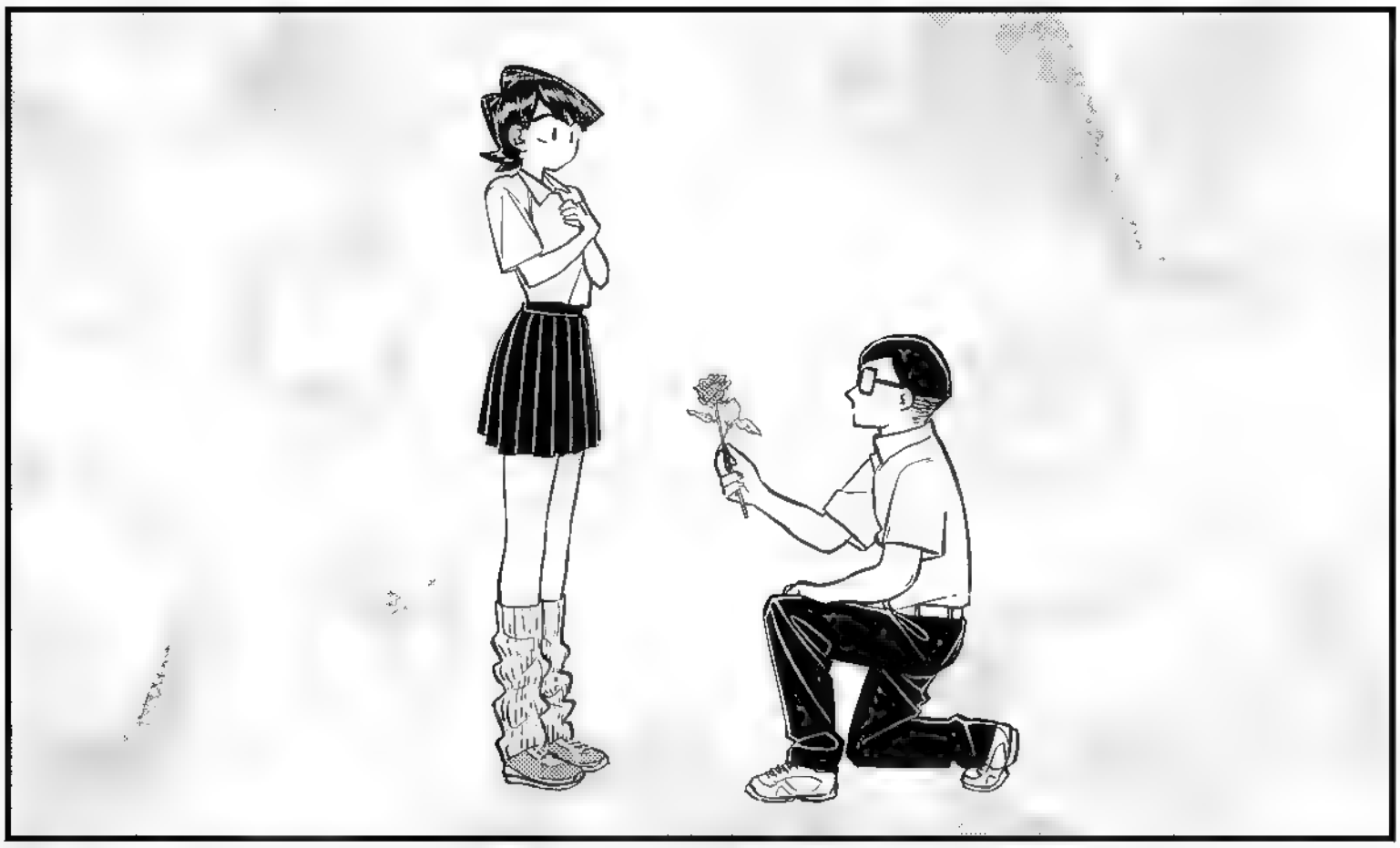

!!
BABOP
BOPPA
SHAKKA
BOOM
WHAT'S GOING ON?
OLD MAN MURAKAMI IS DANCING!!
BAPBOP
?!
BOOMBOP
HWUP
BOOMBAP
bagna cauda
BADDABOP
?!
?!
WAWOOSH
WOOSH
Super Inui
BADDABOP
YOU TOO?!
HWOOSH
BABABOP


WHAT THE?! THIS IS SCARY !!
BABOP BOPPO BABOP

WHA-AAT?!
SNAP


This was Japan's first-ever flash mob.
Flash mob: a surprise performance in which many people suddenly dance or play music in a public place.


?!
?!
BABAM



Communication 153 — The End

2-3
CHATTER
CHATTER
One day in June...
CHATTER
Ah ha ha!
And then...
Huh?!
Wa ha ha!
Ha ha ha!
Gimme a break!
Nakanaka still doesn't fit in!!
...

Communication 154: Nakanaka's Story

I'M ALONE AGAIN TODAY...

...

...CAUSES HEART PALPITATIONS, SHORTNESS OF BREATH AND EXHAUSTION IN THOSE EXPOSED TO IT!!

HEH HEH HEH ...

MY DRAGON FORCE (WHICH I'M CURRENTLY SUPPRESS-ING)...

MWA HA...OF COURSE!

Naka-naka's morale was low.

I NEED AN ALLY!

WAAAH HA HA HA HA!

HA HA HA ...

HEH HEH HEH ...

!! FLINCH

OH MY GOOD-NESS!

UGH... REN YAMAI!!

IT WAS SO DARK OVER HERE I DIDN'T SEE YOU!

NAKA-NAKA'S HERE!

NOPE! THERE'S ENOUGH LIGHT, BUT THE *MOOD* IS DARK!

HM?

D-DARK? IN THE CLASSROOM?! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR EYES!

URGH

...!!

IS THAT BECAUSE YOU'RE ALONE ?!

WELL, EX-CUUUSE ME!

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO GLOOMY!

TRMBL TRMBL

Trembling with rage

YOU SHOULD TRY IT SOMETIME! ☆

I'VE MADE NEW FRIENDS, BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?

...!

...!!

SEE YA! ♪ I GOTTA GO CHAT WITH MY FRIENDS! ♪

I...

I COULD MAKE A FRIEND IF I WANTED TO!!

...

IT'S UNTHINK-ABLE! MWA HA HA!
BESIDES, IT WOULD BE BENEATH ME TO HUMBLY SEEK FRIENDSHIP!
I'D HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ABANDON THEM!
BUT WHAT IF SOMEONE TOOK MY FRIEND HOSTAGE ?!
MWA HA HA!
ABSO-LUTELY UNTHINK-ABLE!
First period
AH, HA HA
MWA HA...
UNTHINK-ABLE!
Second period
MWA ...
UN...
Fourth period

UM...

KYA HA HA

Lunch

...

DO YOU NEED SOME-THING ?

HM?

UH, NAKANAKA?

?

...

UM ...

UM ...

NAKA-NAKA ?!

SHUMP

UARGH!!

Always does this to make friends

?!

M-MY FORBIDDEN POWER, *THE DRAGON FORCE*, IS GOING WILD!

YOU...

WHO ARE YOU?!

We're just kids, so...

Good question ...

Who are we?

REN YAMAI ?!

Why?!

NAKA-NAKA, ARE YOU ACTING WEIRD AGAIN?

!!!

NEVER MIND NAKANAKA. THAT'S HOW SHE TRIES TO MAKE FRIENDS.

LIKE KOMI!

I DO TOO HAVE FRIENDS!!

HUH?! YES, I DO!

AND IT'S WHY SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY!

WHAAAT?!

NO, SHE'S NICE, SO SHE'S JUST HUMOR-ING YOU!

I COUNT AGARI AMONG MY ALLIES!

Y-YES!

GOT ANY *OTHER* FRIENDS?

NUH-UH!

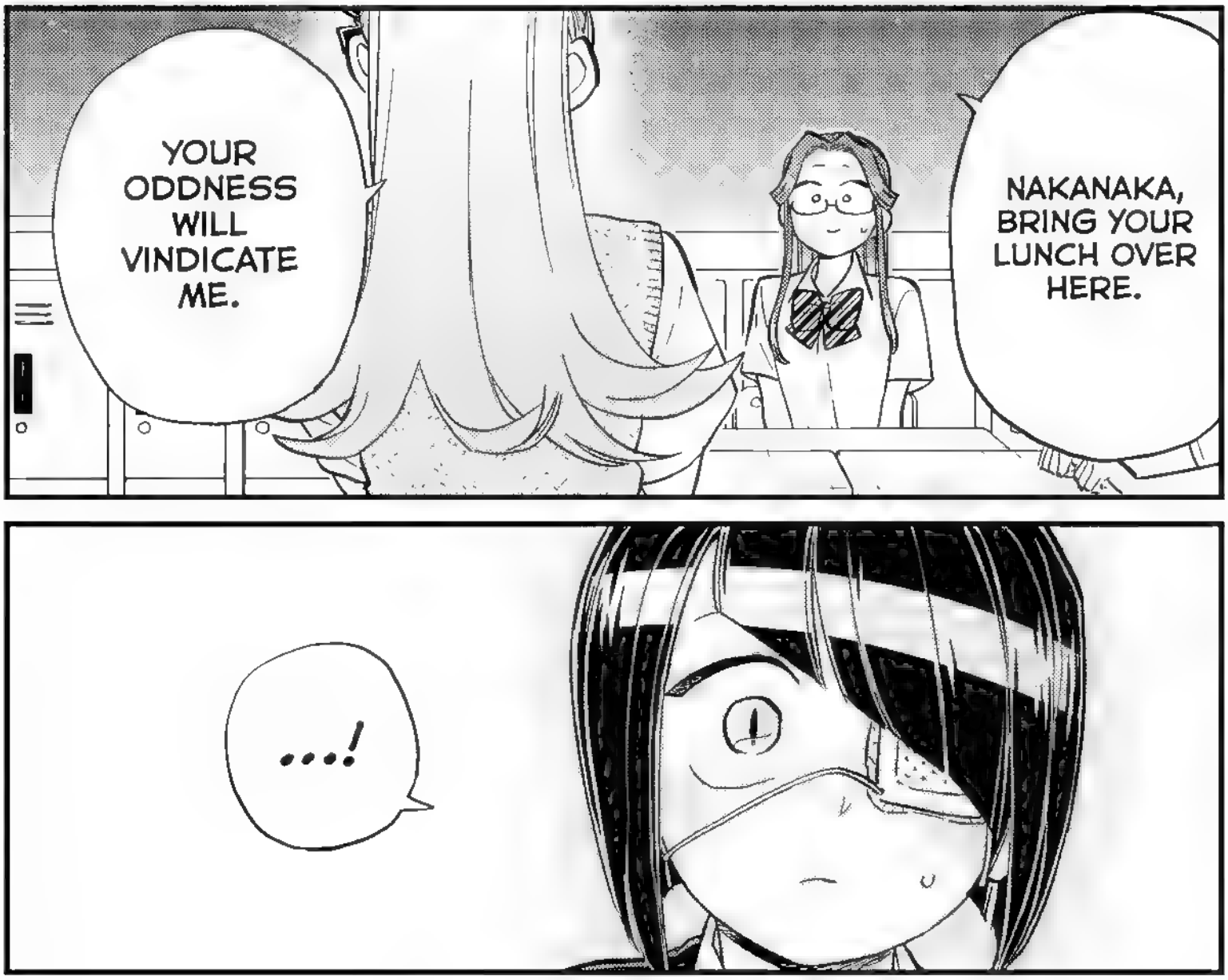
NOPE! KOMI IS *MINE!* ♥

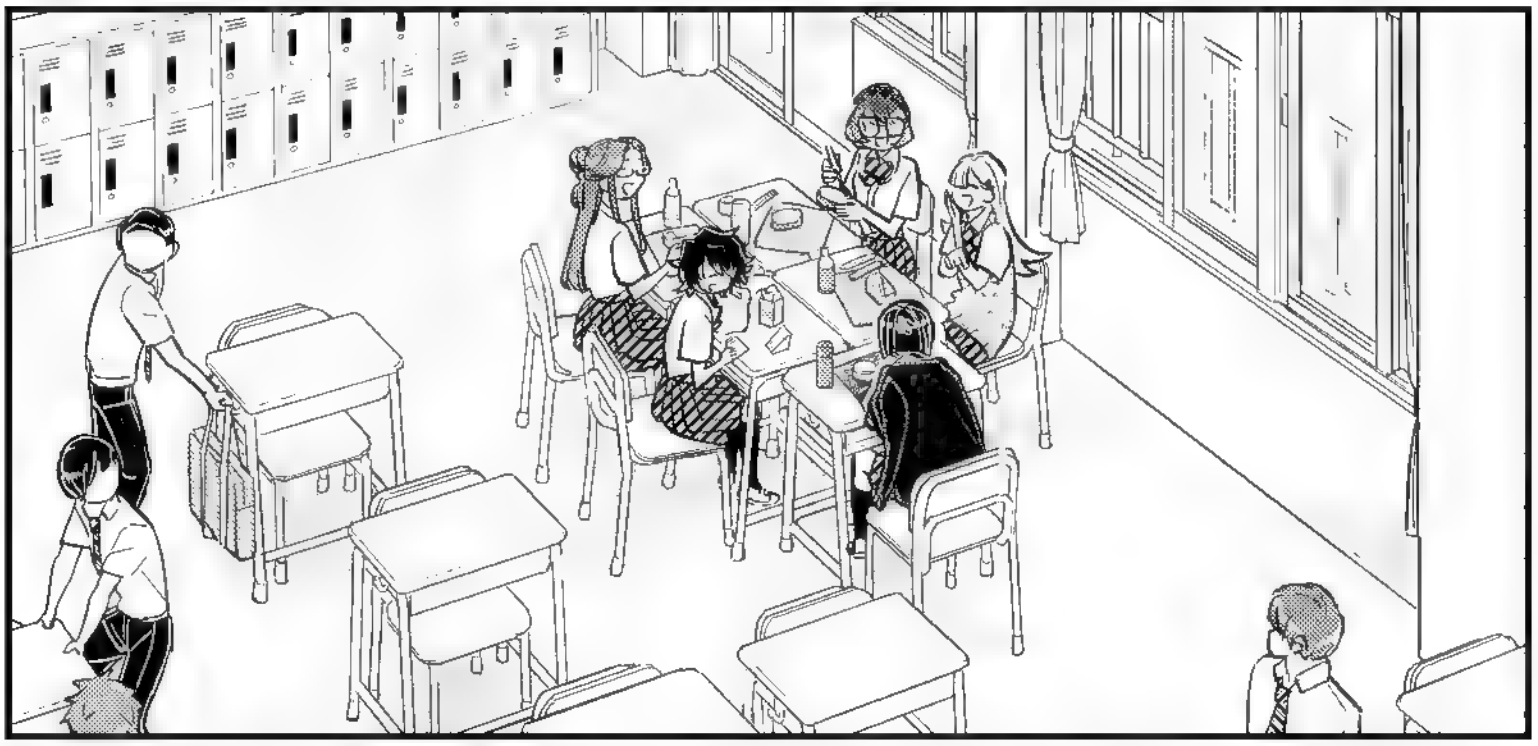
Tee hee!

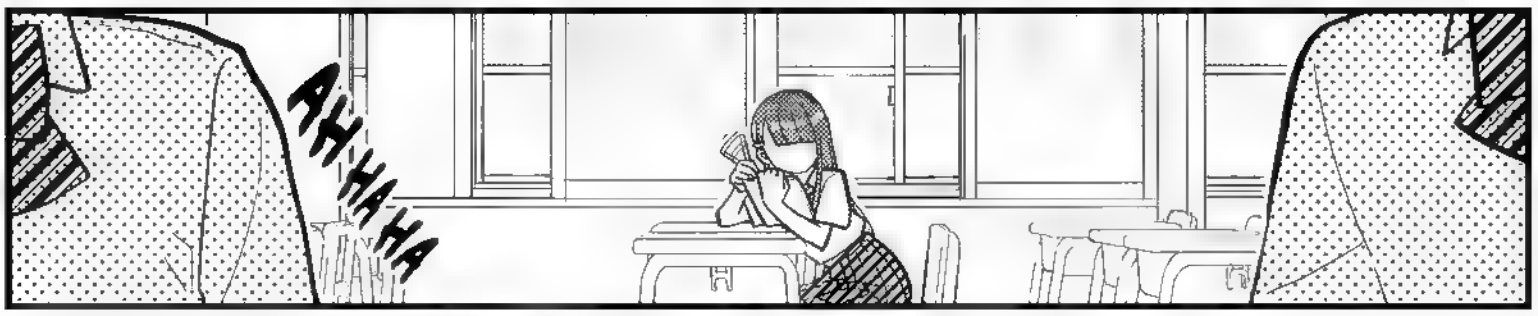
!

YOU'RE FUNNY, NAKANAKA!

UM, J-JUST JOKING ...
HUNH? WHAT'S *THAT* MEAN?
WE ALREADY KNEW YAMAI WAS FUNNY.
...AND I'LL PROVE IT.
...BUT NOT ME...
What?!
SURE, *SHE'S* FUNNY AND WEIRD AND CREEPY ...


YOUR ODDNESS WILL VINDICATE ME.
NAKANAKA, BRING YOUR LUNCH OVER HERE.
...!





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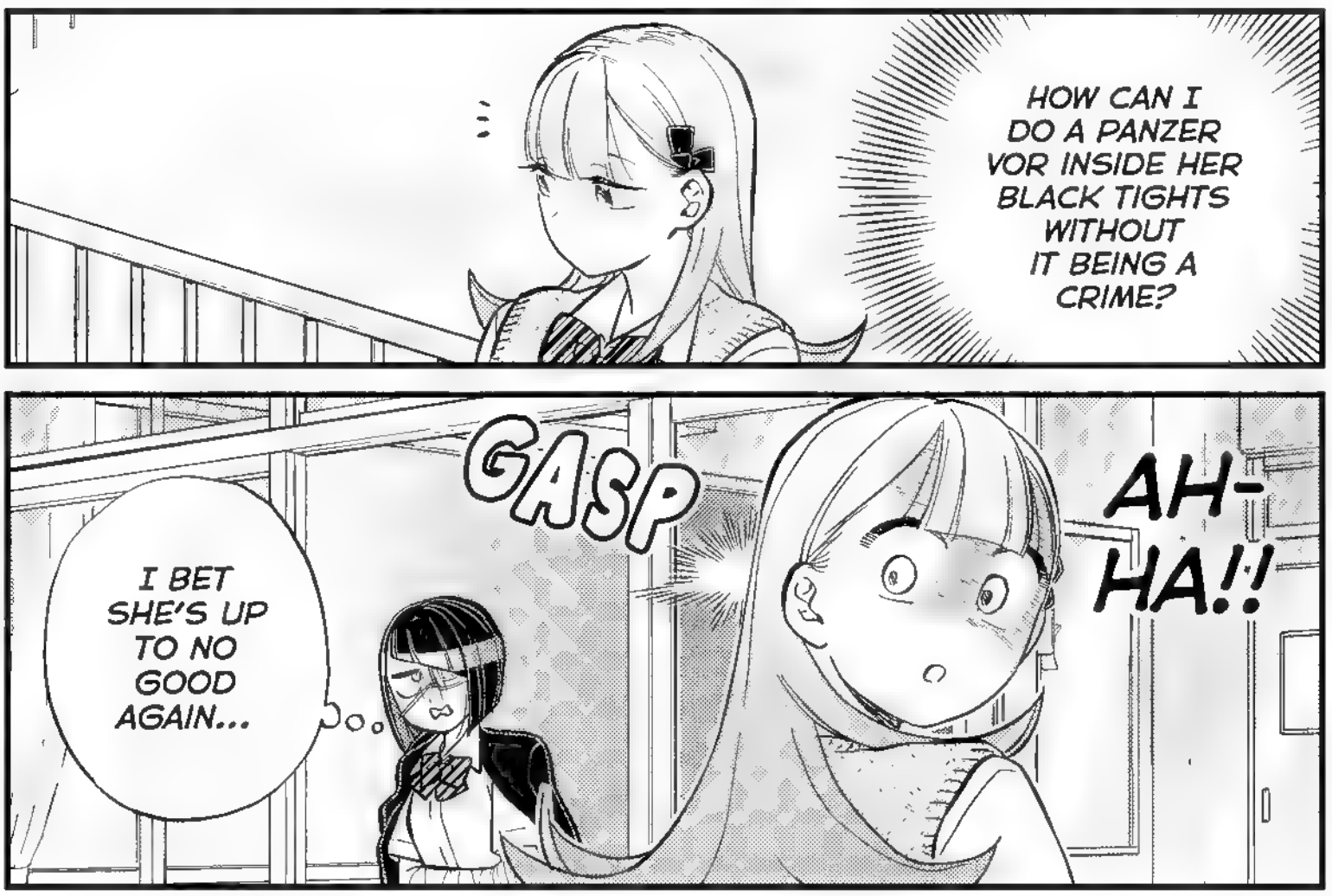


Communication 155: Backward Flip

KOMI!
RATTLE
2-1
?!
WINK
PYONG
LET'S PLAY ON THE HORI-ZONTAL BAR!
IS SHE IN KINDER-GARTEN ?!
ACTU-ALLY, I *KNOW* YOU CAN!
BUT I BET *YOU* CAN, KOMI!
?!
...I COULDN'T DO A BACK-WARD FLIP.
WHEN I WAS IN KINDER-GARTEN ...
...WOULD YOU TEACH ME HOW?
!
...BUT ...
SO, UM...
...I'M EMBAR-RASSED TO ASK THIS...

YAY! MEET ME ON THE PLAY-GROUND AFTER SCHOOL!!

Can't hide her sense of fore-boding

N... NOD

GYA AAAA RRRR RGG GGG HHH!

After school

SHUHHH

GYAAA AARRRR RGGGG GHHH!

?!

GYA AAR RRG GGH HH!

Najimi brought them.

THOSE BOYS!! I BET THEY WANDERED OVER HOPING FOR A GLIMPSE!! PEH!!

WHY'D SHE PUT ON SWEATPANTS?! NOW MY PLAN TO CATCH A PEEK OF HER UNDIES IS RUINED!

SPINNNN

GOTTA THINK POSI-TIVE!!

DRAT! OH WELL! AT LEAST I CAN GET KOMI TO PAY ATTENTION TO ME!

TEACH ME, KOMI!

NO, I CAN'T (DO A FLIP)!

UHN! ♥

MMF! ♥

UHN! ♥

HUFF ♥

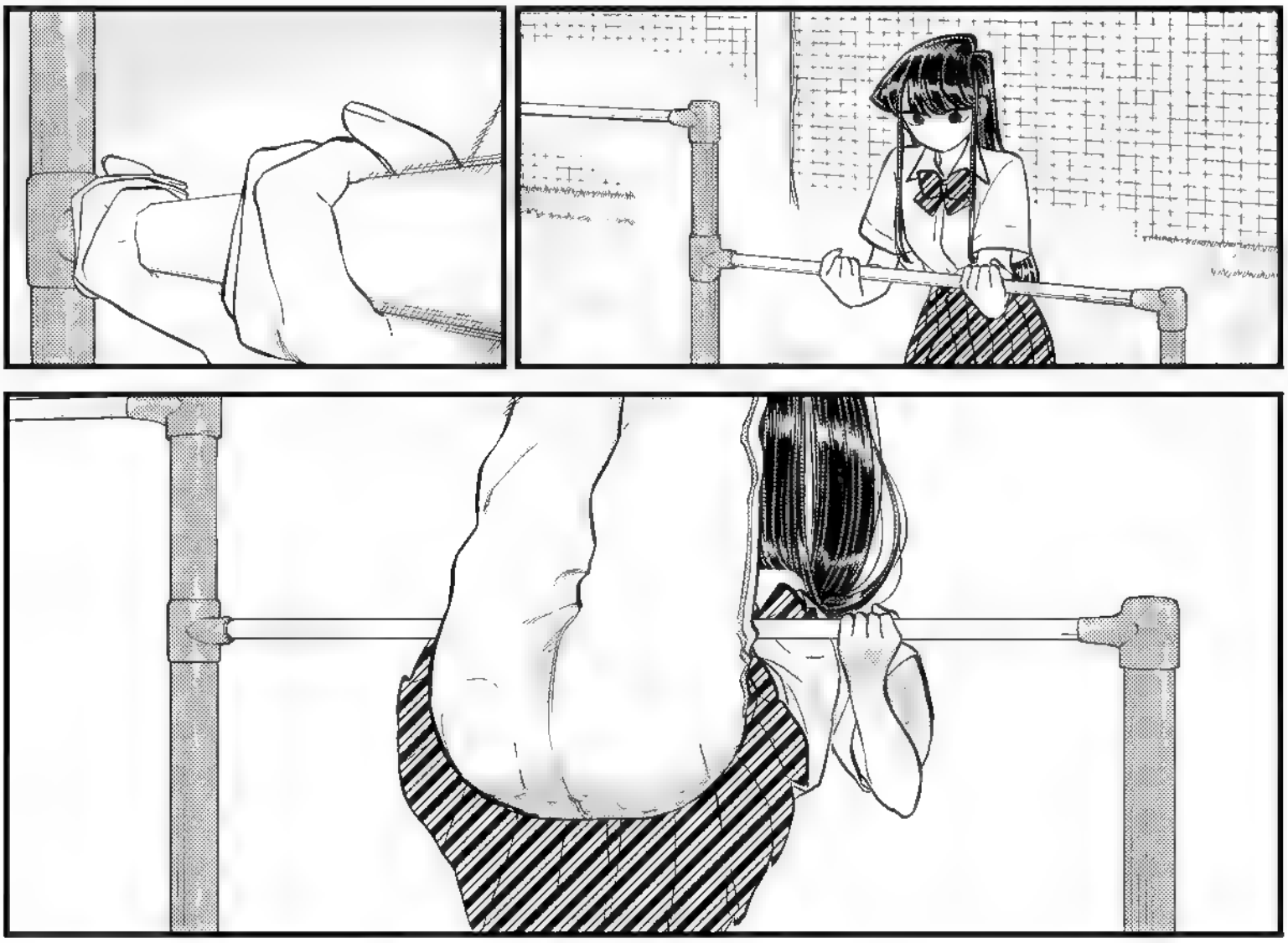
GIVE IT A TRY FOR ME!

WELL!

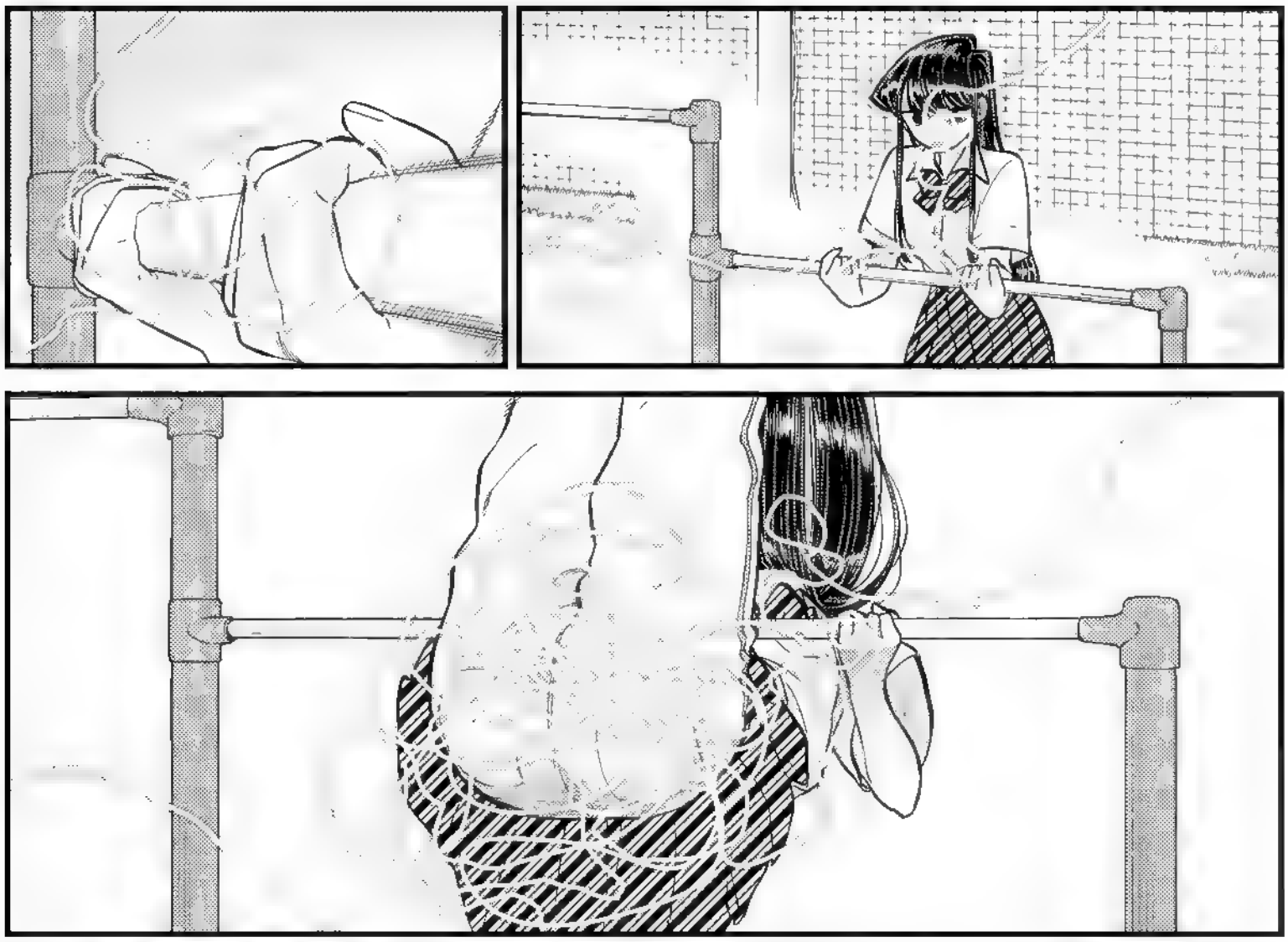
It's been a while. I don't know if I can.

"It's been a while. I don't know if I can."

Komi's Backwards Flip



Komi's Backwards Flip: Yamai's Gaze



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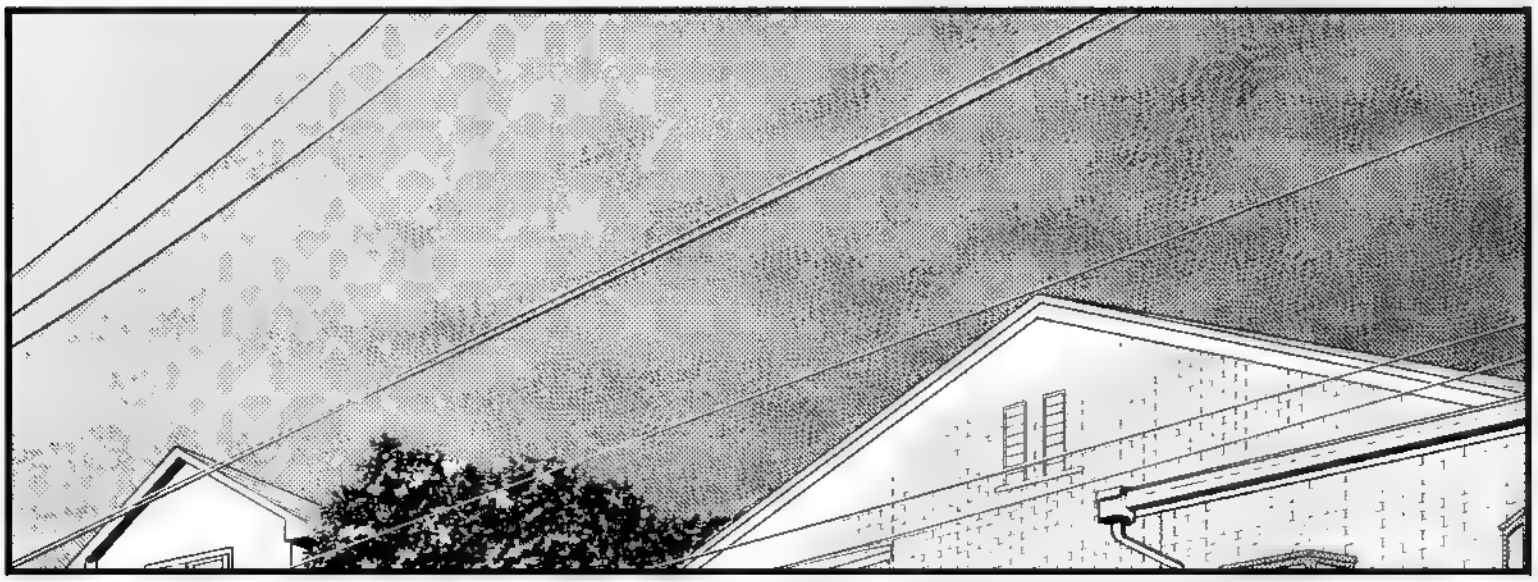

Communication 156: Rainy Season

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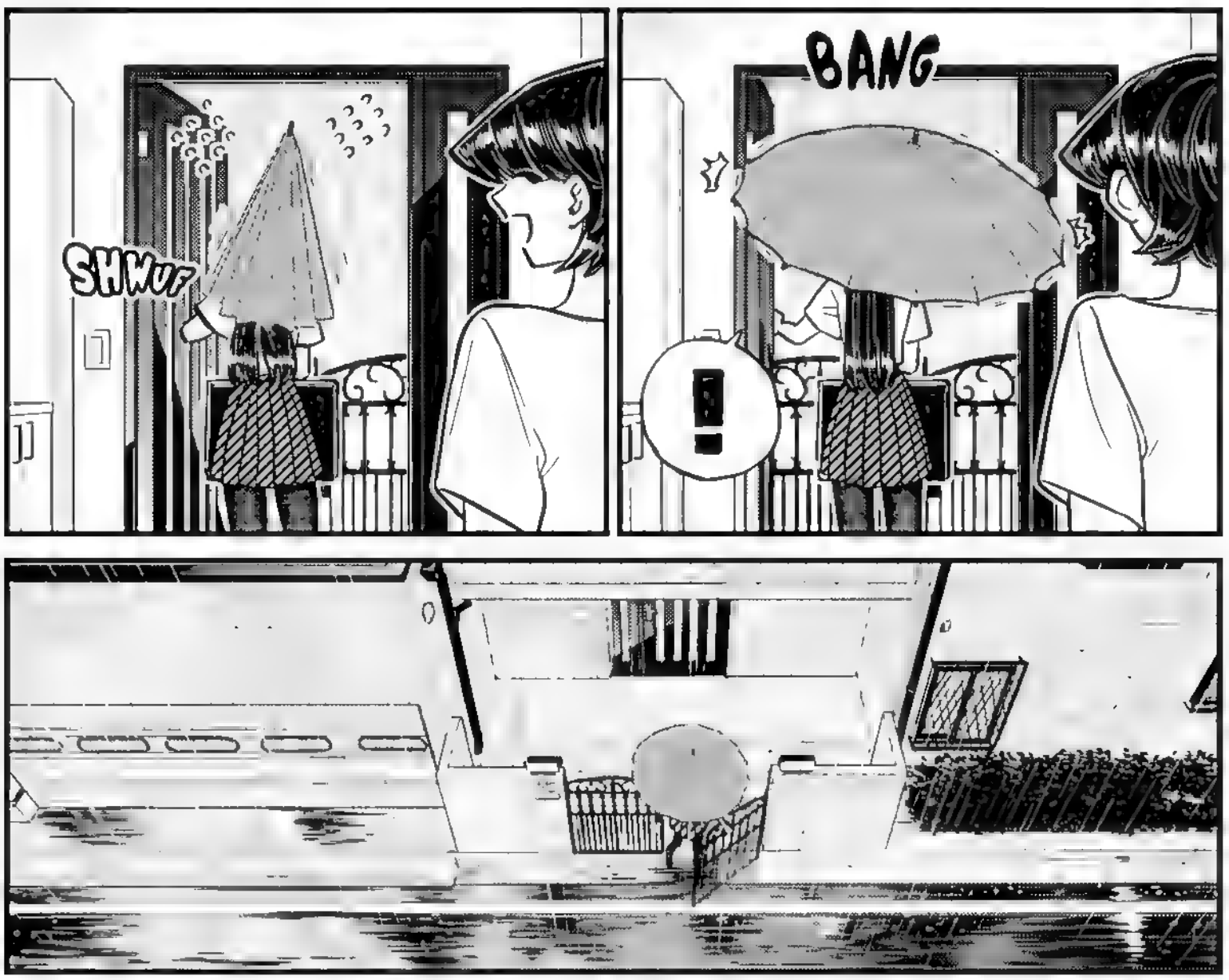
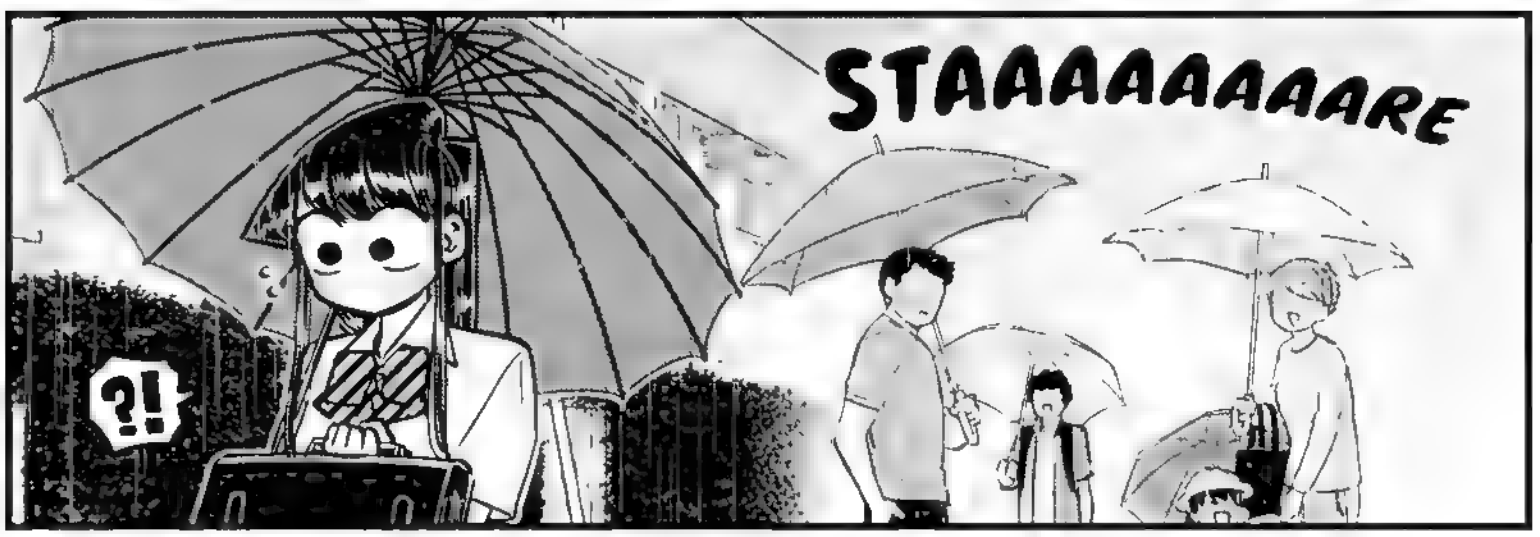
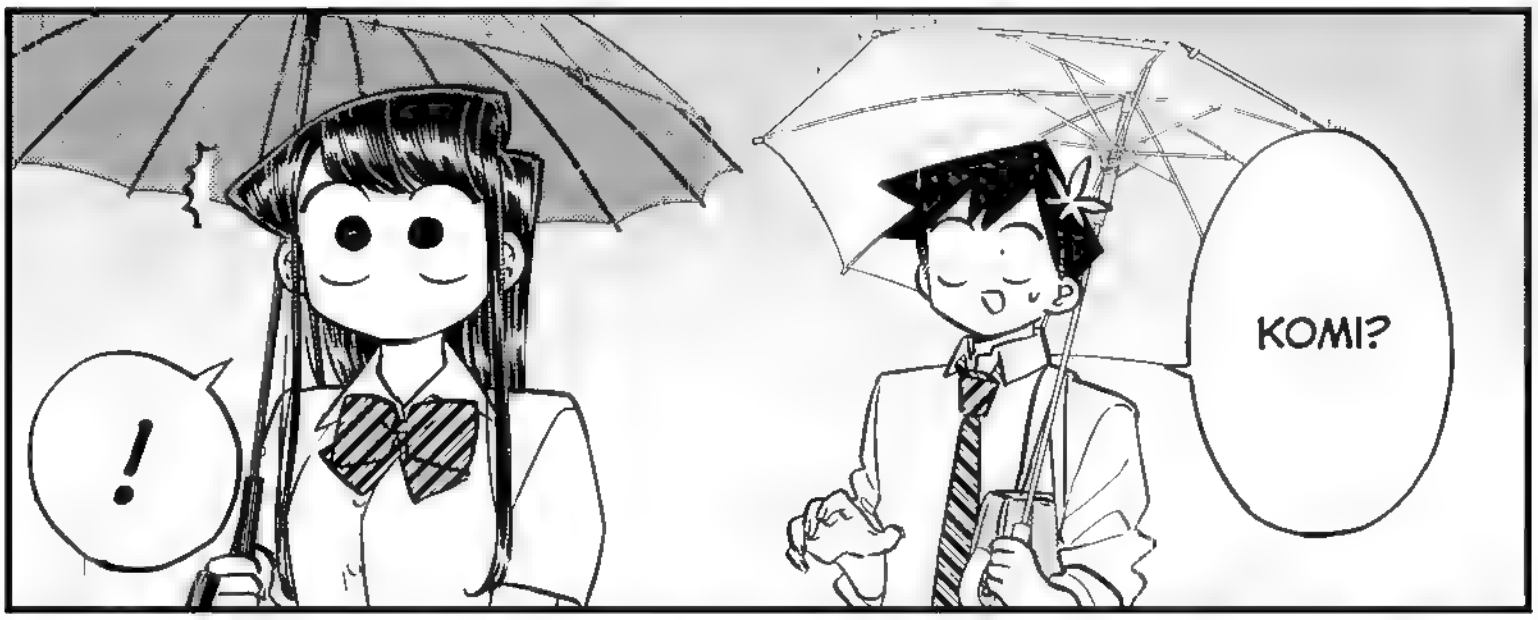
!
CHAK
FWUP
Yesterday
Umbrella shop


SHWUF
BANG
!


STAAAAAAAARE
?!

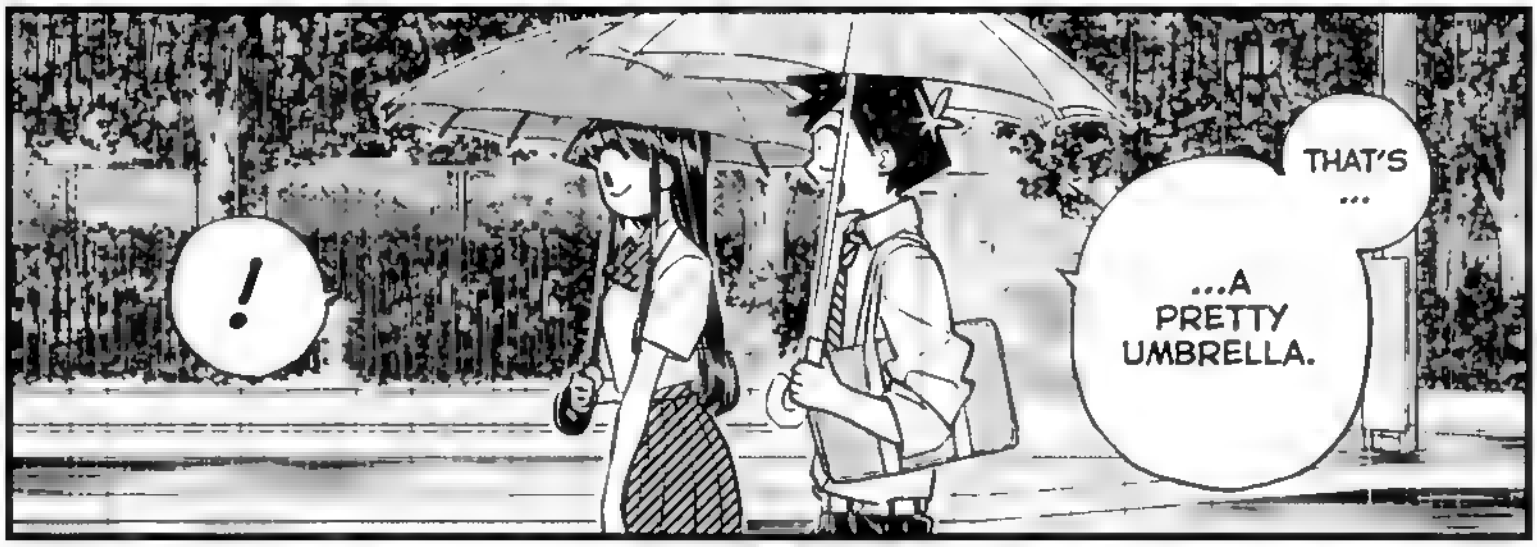
DIFFERENT PERSON


!
KOMI?

!!
NOD NOD
G-GOOD MORNING.
PHEW!

...
NOD
THE CONSTANT RAIN IS DEPRESSING, ISN'T IT?

...
...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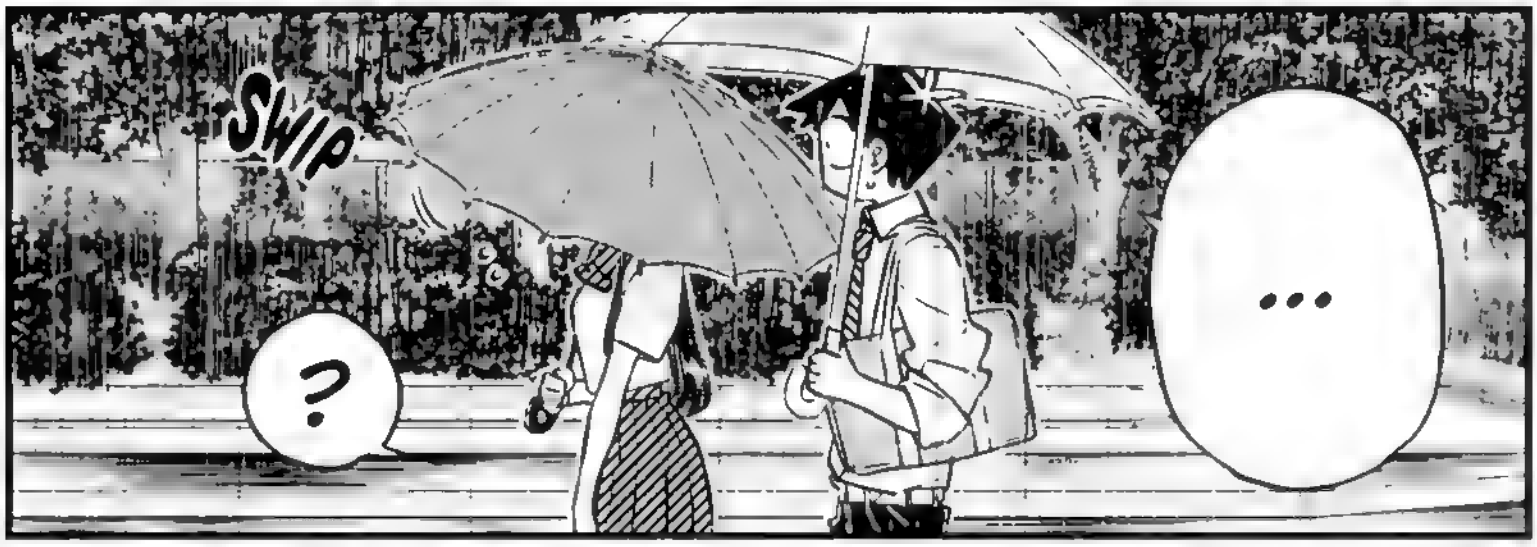
THAT'S ...
...A PRETTY UMBRELLA.


SWIP
?
...

HUSH

TATAP

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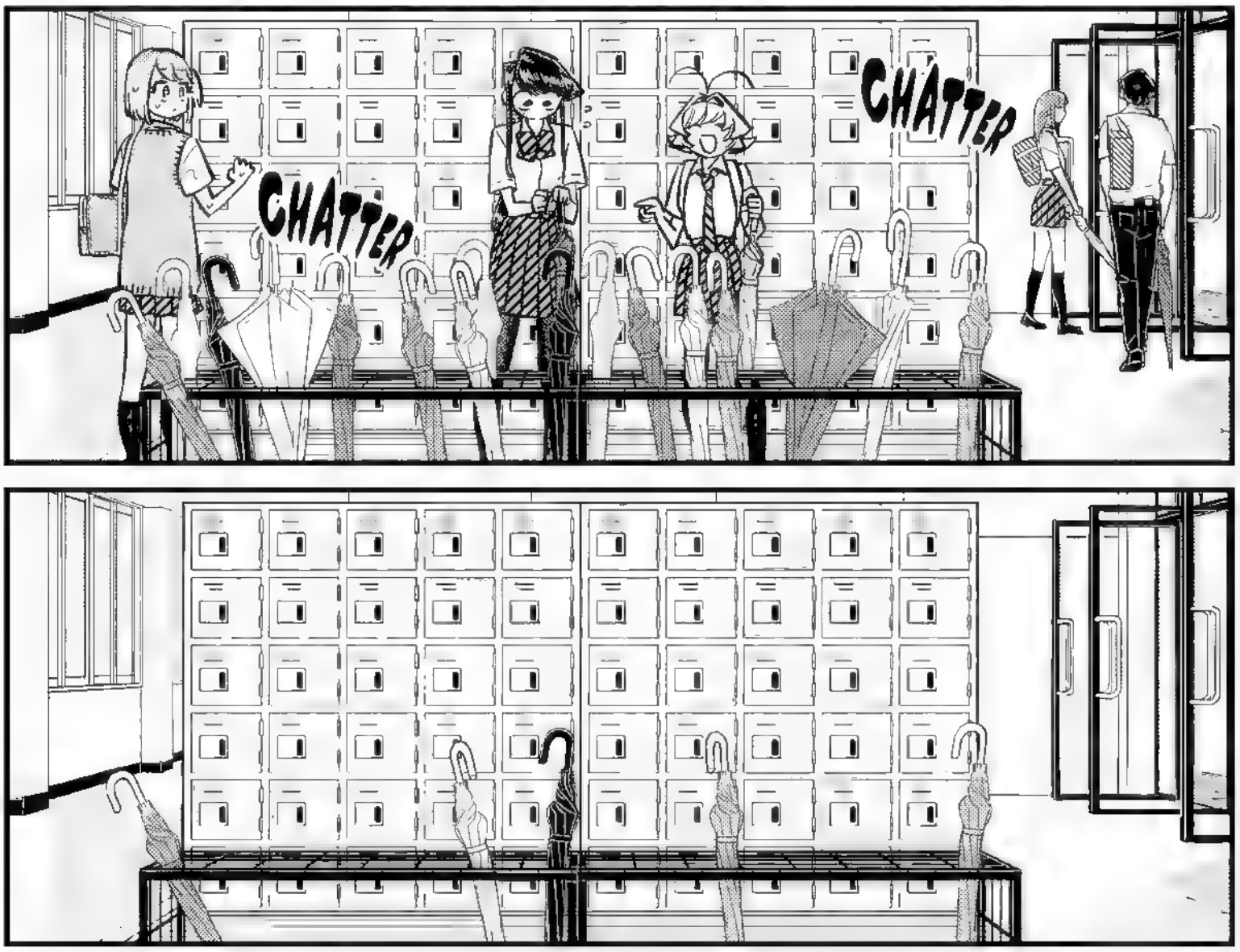

Communication 157: Rainy Season, Part 2

Stayed to do home-work
WHEW! SCHOOL'S OUT!
?!
SNAP
?
SHUV
SHUV
...

WELL, AT LEAST IT OPENED.
BWOOOOOOOOOOO
?!
SNAP
SUDDEN GALE!!

?!!
FWIP FWAP
FWUP
Vinyl top
Just finished student council and saw the whole thing
Almost in tears

!!
JOLT
UM, DO YOU WANT TO BORROW MINE?
...
...NOT LONG.
UM...
TADA– HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE?
I DON'T LIKE CARRYING STUFF ANYWAY!
IT'S NOT RAINING THAT HARD!
NO THANK YOU!
I HAVE TWO, SO HELP YOUR-SELF.
BUT YOU MIGHT CATCH A COLD.

WELL ...

...IF I *HAVE* TO.

NO PROB-LEM.

WHY DOES SHE SEEM ANGRY?

TH-THANKS !!!

KOKUDO

OH, RIGHT. I'M LOW ON PENCIL LEAD.

I SHOULD BUY SOME.

...
SHAKE SHAKE
Welcome!
WIPE WIPE

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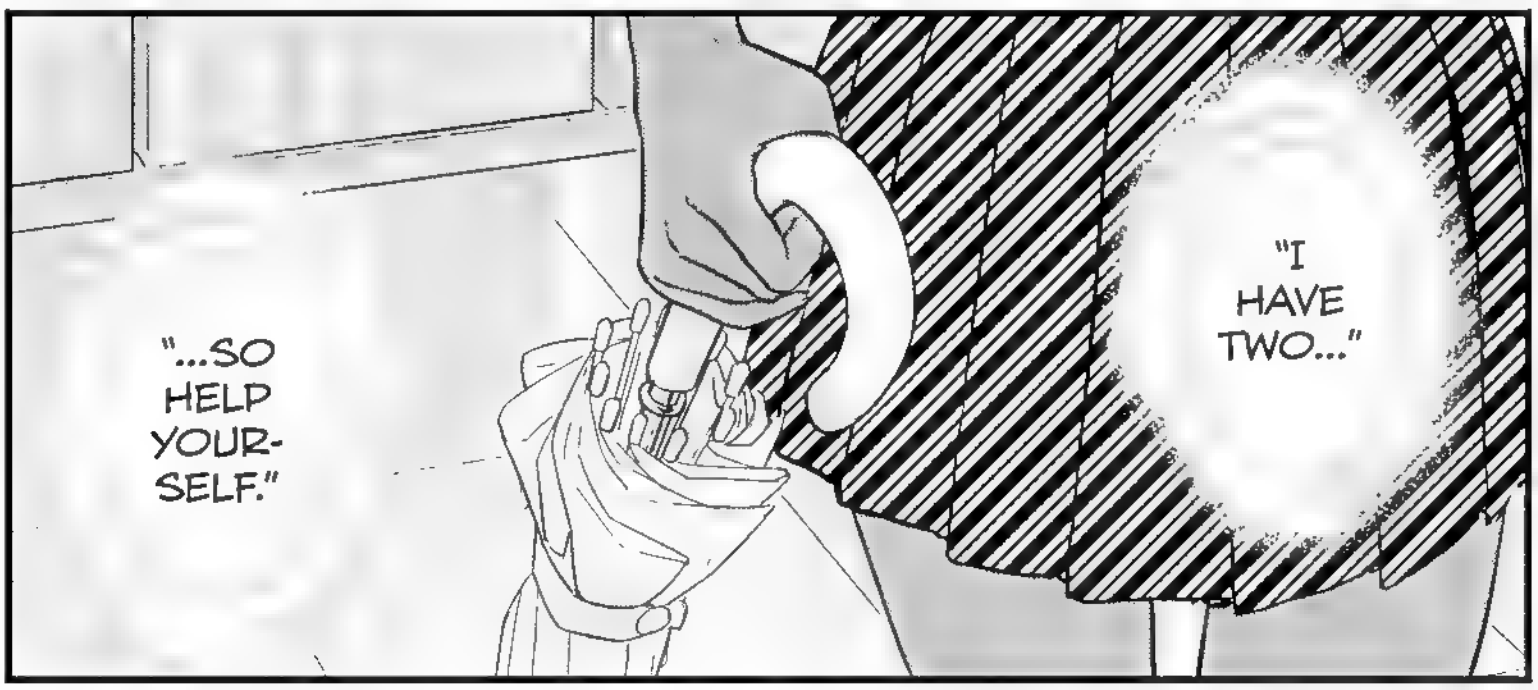
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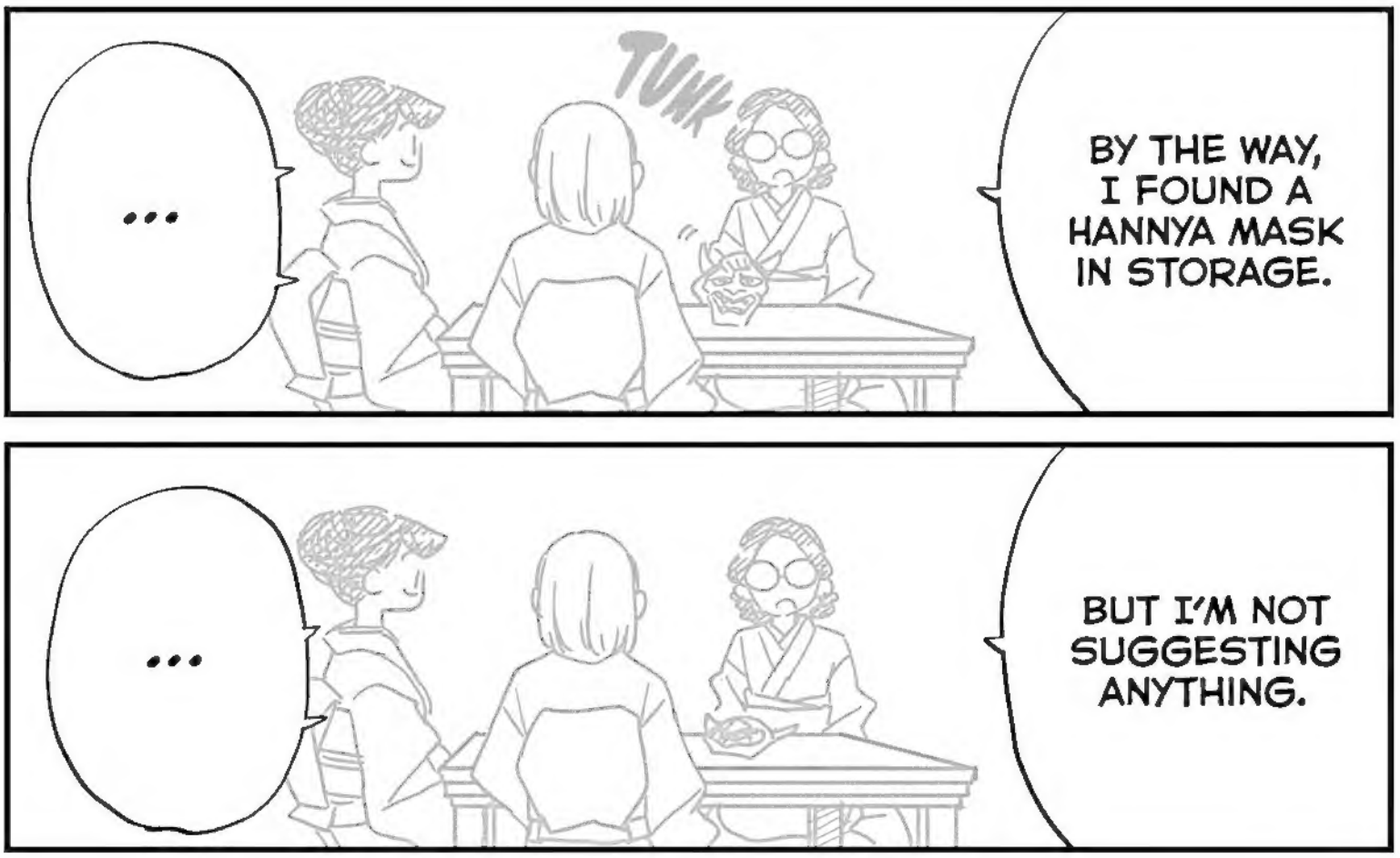

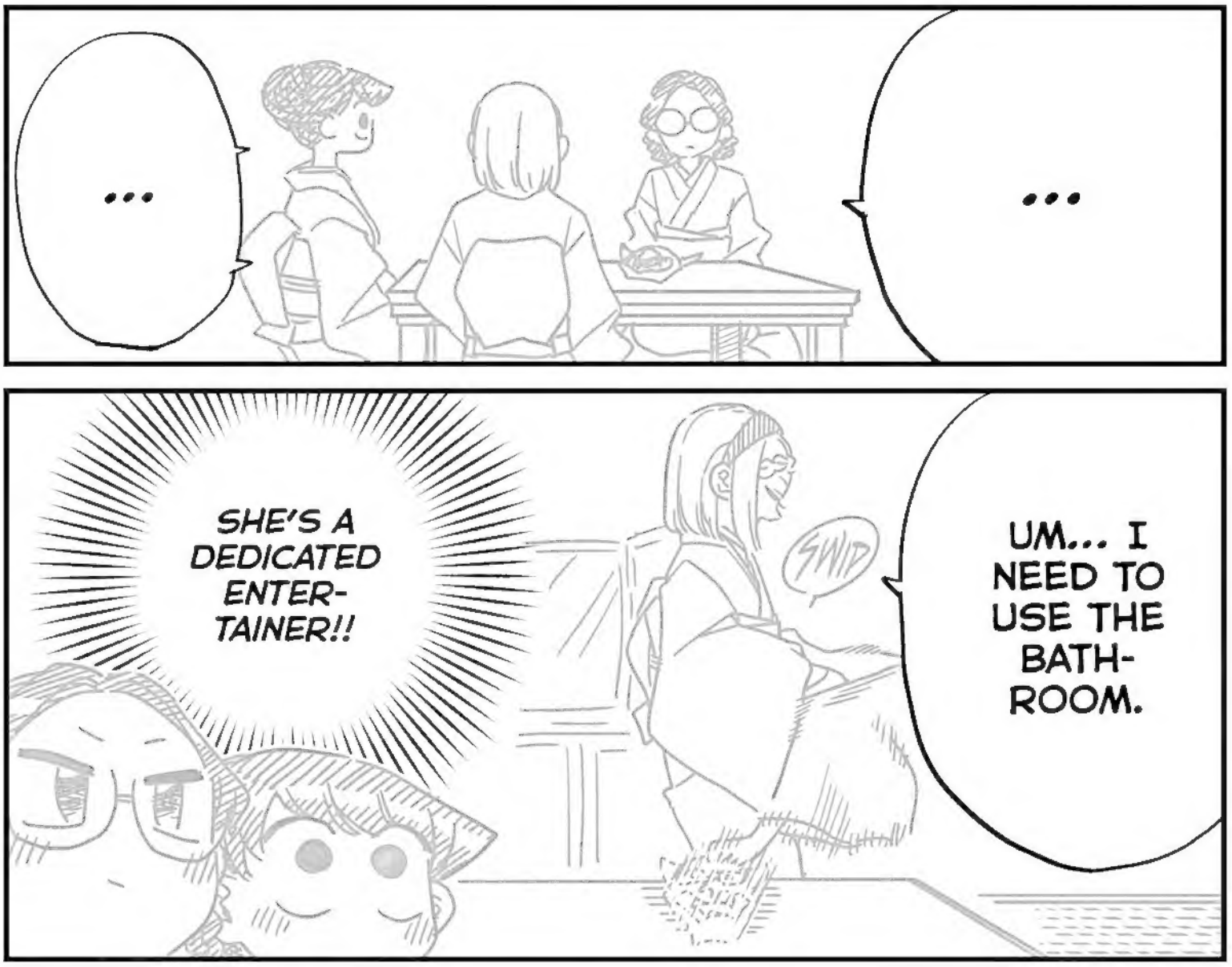

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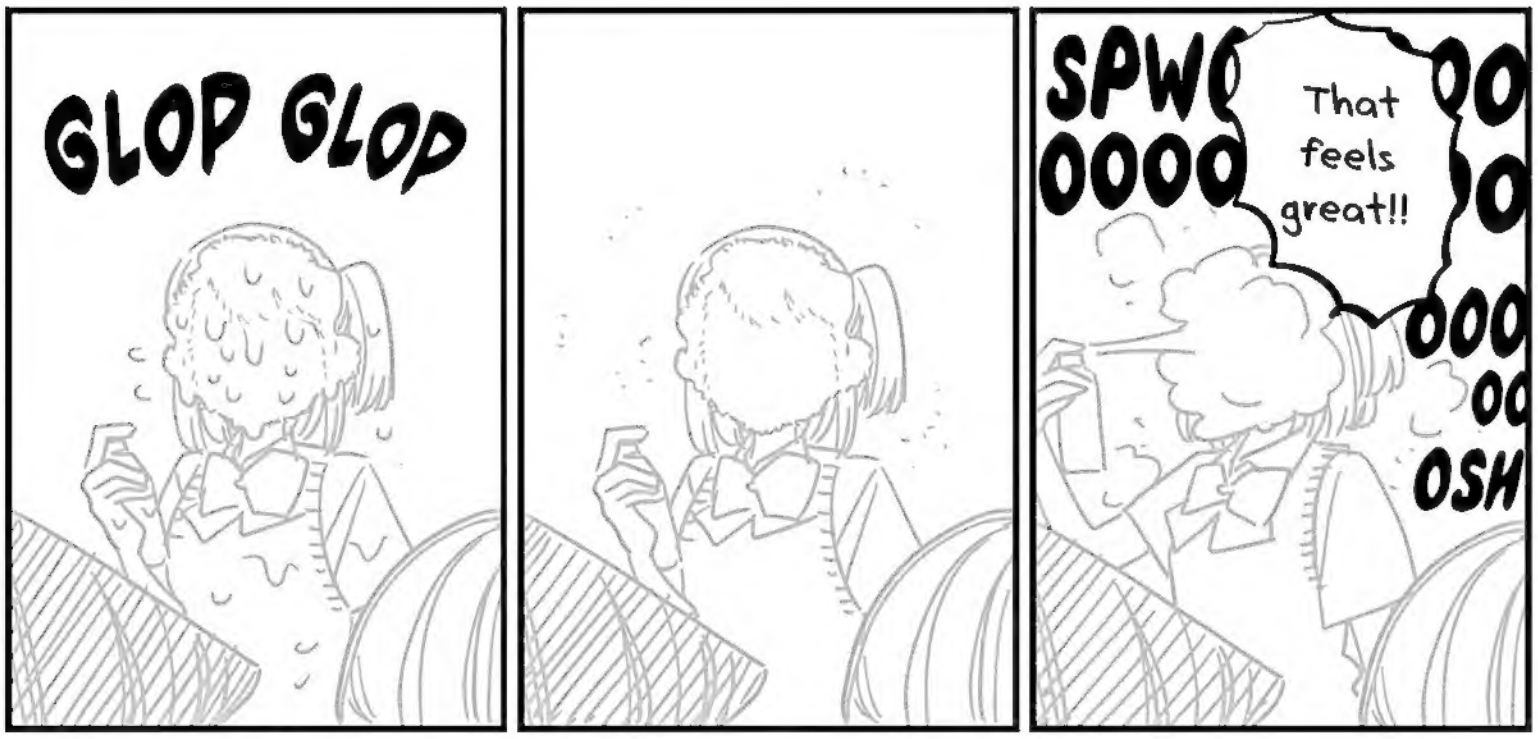

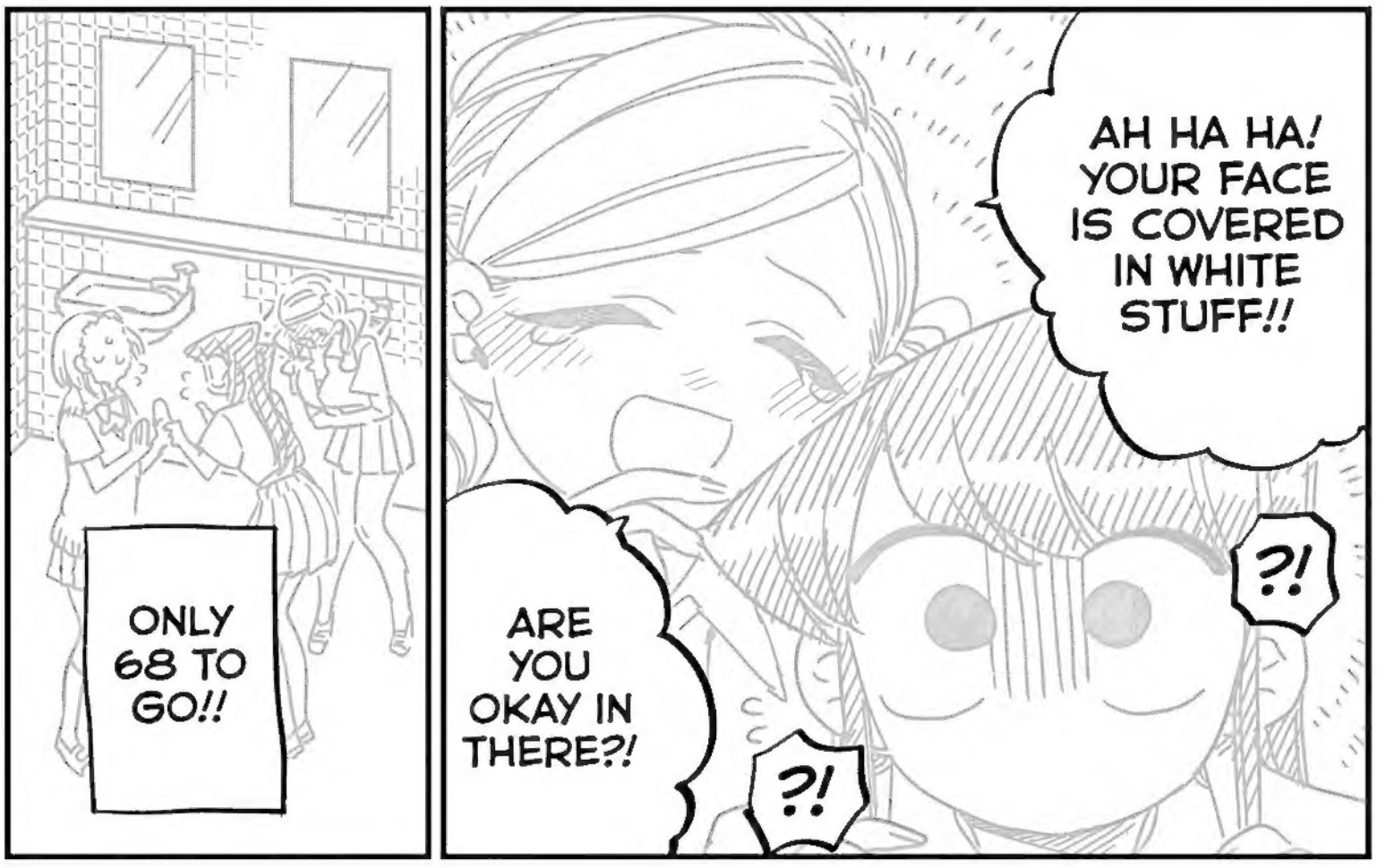

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